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TROOPS LAND FROM WARSHIPS AT REPULSE BAY IN MIMIC WAR

EVERTON AND MANCHESTER C. IN HOME DRAWS

Middlesborough Take Point From Derby.

NEWCASTLE DISPLACE VILLA

London, To-day.

Manchester City and Everton, F. A. Cup finalists, were held to home draws yesterday in a soccer programme of seven matches that produced five drawn games:

Middlesborough did exceedingly well to hold the speedy Derby County forwards to a draw at Derby, both sides scoring twice. Middlesborough are now fifth from the foot of the table, and are making a determined attempt to escape relegation. They have not lost once in their last seven matches.

Newcastle's away draw at Goodison Park has sent them above the Villa, but the Wednesday's home draw against Birmingham places the Sheffield side a point ahead of the Tynesiders. The Arsenal, with an extra game, are only three points ahead of the Wednesday.

Lincoln registered their first win in six games when they routed Fulham on their own ground. Their win almost assures them of escape from relegation.

York secured two useful home points at the expense of Barrow, and are now fifth from the foot of the northern table.

The following were the results as cable by Reuters:—

First Division.		
Derby	2	Middlesboro' 2
Everton	0	Newcastle 0
Manchester C.	0	Leeds 0
Wednesday	1	Birmingham 1
Second Division.		
Bradford	1	Manchester U. 1
Lincoln	3	Fulham 0
Third Division (North).		
York	3	Barrow 1

LADY PEEL IN HOSPITAL

Engagements Cancelled For April.

CONDITION SATISFACTORY AFTER OPERATION

Lady Peel, wife of H. E. the Governor, regrets, that, owing to having had to undergo an operation in the Victoria Hospital, she is compelled to cancel all her engagements for the rest of the month.

We are informed that Lady Peel stood the operation well, and her condition is reported as satisfactory.

MUSSOLINI PEACE PLAN.

Must Remain Intact.

ROME COMMUNIQUE.

Rome, To-day.
Italy's reply to the attempt to whittle down Signor Mussolini's plan for European security, is contained in a communique issued to-day, after a three-hour meeting of the Fascist Grand Council yesterday.

The communique affirms that the fundamental element of the Mussolini Plan must remain intact, as it is the only one that can create the conditions necessary for peace and in which all interests may be equitably recognized.—Reuters.

RUSSIAN BILL PASSES SECOND READING

LABOUR OPPOSITION DEFEATED

FOREIGN SECRETARY EXPOSES METHODS OF SOVIET OGPU

LONDON, TO-DAY.

EXTRA TIME HAS BEEN ALLOTTED FOR THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE BILL GIVING THE GOVERNMENT POWER TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF SOVIET GOODS, BUT THE BILL WILL BE DISPOSED OF TO-NIGHT.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, moving the second reading, said that the notice to terminate the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement expires on April 17. The Government had desired to negotiate for a new trading agreement, and the negotiations were proceeding when the disturbing event occurred at Moscow.

The House of Commons, by 347 votes to 48 yesterday rejected the Labour Party's motion for the rejection of the Russian Bill, which was then read for the second time. Mr. Walter Runciman agreed to sympathetically consider Mr. George Lansbury's suggestion to insert a time limit in the operation of the Bill so as to ensure that it only dealt with the arrests of the six Metropolitan Vickers British employees, and not the whole of the Anglo-Russian trade question.

A score of Sir Herbert Samuel's National Liberal supporters, abstained from voting.

Russia had bought power plant from Metropolitan Vickers, extensively for the last ten years. It has received the highest praise from the Soviet engineers and under the technical assistance arrangements, of which the current one had five years to run, the Company supplied some of their best and most skillful men for the purpose of installing, starting and running the plant.

It had some bearing on the matter in question that the Company's experts might therefore expect to remain in Russia for another five years.

No complaint was alleged as to the operation of the agreement and six months ago the Soviet had placed an order for turbo generator equipment to work at the highest combined temperature and pressure yet attempted in the world.

On the night of March 11 the OGPU police searched the house where some of the engineers were living, and arrested Mr. Alan Monkhouse, the principal representative, and Mr. W. Thornton, who were removed at two o'clock in the morning, to prison. The next morning Messrs. J. Cushman and W. H. MacDonald were similarly taken off to gaol.

He was entitled to call attention to the circumstance immediately accompanying the arrests. At the same time, the OGPU police, in the same prison, not merely carried out the sentence there and then, without so far as was known, any trial and certainly without putting into motion any ordinary judicial proceedings.

"When the Foreign Office received a telegram that a certain number of British engineers were in the hands of the OGPU police, and the telegram stating that the OGPU had shot 35 people without a trial, I thought that I was entitled to. At this stage Sir John Simon's address was interrupted by cheers from the House.

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GERMANY MAY ABANDON GOLD STANDARD

Debt Repayment To Be Made In Gold.

A DEMAND FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The possibility of Germany abandoning the gold standard and demanding a reduction of interest on her external loans, is envisaged in the newspapers to-day, in consequence of the decision of the Reichsbank to repay in gold, the credit of £14,000,000 granted by the Bank of International Settlements in 1931, thereby reducing the gold covering the Reichsbank note issue to about 15 per cent.

The decision is contrasted to President Roosevelt's partial removal of the gold export embargo and the fact that the Bank of England's gold reserve has reached a record high level of £177,000,000.—Reuters.

AMERICA LIFTS GOLD EMBARGO

Return To "Bullion Standard."

HOARDING OF GOLD FORBIDDEN UNDER HEAVY PENALTY.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

America is henceforth on the "bullion standard" by virtue of the Presidential orders lifting the embargo on the export of gold.

The order, however, demands the licensing of the issue of gold in industrial and trade transactions, and forbids individuals, under heavy penalties, to retain gold in excess of \$4100 after May 1.

President Roosevelt's proclamation giving the National Government absolute control of the nation's gold supply, was made on March 6. The proclamation placed an embargo on gold and silver exports and prohibited the export of gold for foreign nations.—Reuters.

NO INCREASE IN WARSHIPS ON CHINA STATION

First Lord's Statement On Piracies.

PAYMENT REQUIRED FOR ANY ARMED GUARDS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday, regarding the China Coast piracies, Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that it was impossible, with the number of warships available, to forestall all piracies.

Mr. G. K. Peto, Labour Member for Wolverhampton, suggested the placing of armed guards on all vessels trading on the China Coast, without asking payment from the Companies, as that would be cheaper than constantly paying ransoms.

Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell replied that it was impossible to give armed guards without payment, but it was most reasonable that an agreement for armed guards on payment, should be made.

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PARIS TO TOKYO BY AEROPLANE.

French Aviatrix Reaches Calcutta.

CALCUTTA, TO-DAY.

Mlle. Maryse Hiltz, the famous French airwoman, arrived here at 5.15 p.m. yesterday on her Paris-Japan flight. She completed the hop from Karachi to Calcutta in 10½ hours.

Mlle. Hiltz, who has flown from Paris to Hanoi and holds the world's altitude record for women, left Paris last Saturday, flying a 800 h.p. Farman Gnome machine. She will call at Hong Kong.—Reuters.

Calcutta, Later.
Mlle. Maryse Hiltz left here for Hongkong at 8 a.m. this morning.—Reuters.

CHINWANGTAO FIGHTING.

Unconfirmed Report Of Hostilities.

TIENTSIN, TO-DAY.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that fighting took place in the vicinity of Chinwangtao this evening. No further details can be obtained.—Reuters.

KING'S CONDOLENCES FOR "AKRON" VICTIMS' RELATIVES

Two Dirigible Disasters Claim 79 Lives: Only 5 Saved

LONDON, TO-DAY.

His Majesty the King yesterday telegraphed to President Roosevelt, an expression of his deepest sympathy with the families of the victims of the U.S.S. Akron disaster.

The death roll of the tragedy is stated to be 74, while five more lives were lost when the naval blimp, J4, crashed into the sea while searching for "Akron" survivors.—British Wireless Service.

JEWISH COUPLE MURDERED BY KIDNAPPERS

Outrage On German Frontier.

NAZIS SUSPECTED OF REVENGE KILLINGS

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

Following the murder of the German journalist, Doctor Georg Bell at the Nazi Hotel, Durchholzen, Tyrol, apparently by Bavarian Nazis as revenge for alleged treason, a similar outrage has occurred at Vaduz, Liechtenstein, where a Jewish couple, M. Alfred Rotter and his wife were killed and M. Rotter's brother, Fritz, Rotter and Frau Wolf were injured while leaping from a car in which nine armed men were attempting to kidnap and take them into Germany.

The car was stopped by Tyrol police and the occupants arrested. The Rotter brothers were formerly leading theatre managers in Berlin, but got into difficulties and fled to Liechtenstein in 1931.—Reuters.

Calcutta, Later.
Mlle. Maryse Hiltz left here for Hongkong at 8 a.m. this morning.—Reuters.

KANSU FARMERS FACE RUIN.

All Produce Sold To Pay Taxes.

STARVATION THREAT

NANKING, TO-DAY.

The delegates from Kansu state that the farming population, in spite of a good harvest, are facing ruin and starvation because of the confiscatory local taxation. Most of the farmers, the delegates stated, have disposed of all their produce in order to pay taxes.—Reuters.

PLEA TO JAPAN TO RECONSIDER HER DECISIONS

League Ready To Help In Covenant Terms.

SIR ERIC DRUMMOND'S BROADCAST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The League has been weakened by the Japanese withdrawal, but has been strengthened morally by the decision to face honestly, the hardest situation with which it was ever confronted," declared Sir Eric Drummond, former Secretary-General of the League of Nations, broadcasting an address for the first time.

He said that Japan's case was strong. If she had followed the League Covenant and had brought her difficulties before the League she had been assured of a sympathetic hearing, and arrangements would have been made to properly and adequately assure her rights and great interests in Manchuria.

She had, however, adopted a policy contrary to the principles for which the League stood.

"We must hope and trust that Japan will reconsider the decisions and agree with the members of the Lytton Commission that friendship and not strife with China, is essential to peace in the Far East."

"Japan has a great contribution to make to the East. The League will always be ready and anxious to help her within the terms of the Covenant," Sir Eric Drummond declared.—Reuters.

SUEZ CANAL COY. CONTROL.

Representation Urged For Hong Kong.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Urging the reduction of the Suez Canal dues, in an address before the Central Asian Society in London last night, Sir Arnold Wilson, the well-known authority on the Middle East, suggested that the statutes of the Canal Company should be modified, so as to provide for directors representing India, South Africa, Australia, British Colonies, the Far East and East Africa.—Reuters.

ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE MANOEUVRES

Marines' Feint Attack At Kowloon.

AEROPLANES SIGHT ATTACKING FORCE LAST NIGHT

Defenders Encircle Landing Invaders

The mimic war between the Blue and Redland forces, in which the Navy, Army and Air Force were co-operating came to an end when peace was declared at 9.30 this morning.

The Blue and Redland force was the invader and was composed of two companies from the Lincoln Regiment and about 200 marines.

The invaders landed the marines at Gin Drinkers Bay, the object of attack being the Standard Oil Coy.'s storage tanks at Laichikok.

The landing of the marines was merely a feint attack to cover the main landing at Repulse Bay. This was carried out by the two companies of the Lincoln who disembarked from the Midway in boats towed by pinnaces.

The landing on the beach was very well carried out; the tanks arrived at the beach with the vanguard of the invaders, who covered the second lot of tanks carrying the main body of the landing force.

The defence comprised the South Wales Borderers stationed at Wongneicheong Gap, the remaining two companies of the Lincoln; the 8th (howitzer) Battery of the H.K.S.R.A. stationed at Happy Valley, who fired over the hills to Repulse Bay; and the Jat Regiment at Laichikok. Besides the units named the normal garrison of the Colony was standing by ready to repel any attack.

Aeroplanes sighted the hostile fleet, composed of the Berwick and Midway, at about 5 p.m. yesterday. This was reported to the Officer Commanding the defence force and destroyers and submarines, with their lights out, stalked the invading fleet all night.

The use of aircraft enabled the defending army to obtain information of the enemy's movements much sooner than would otherwise have been possible.

Reserves Called Up.
Col. Nosworthy, commanding the Redland forces on shore, waited to be perfectly sure of the intended landing place of the invaders and then called up his reserve troops. The reserves were stationed at Kowloon and Col. Nosworthy had to be certain as to which of the two landings, Laichikok or Repulse Bay, was the main attack, before transporting them to Hong Kong.

The marines at Laichikok were, for the purpose of the exercise, allowed to land at Gin Drinkers Bay. They were met by a small force of the Jats, but fought their way to the oil tanks, which they technically set on fire. The Jats then brought up their reinforcements, and the marines' work accomplished, re-embarked in the Berwick.

"Fierce Fighting."
The main battle took place at Wongneicheong Gap. The invading Lincoln after their landing on the beach at Repulse Bay, marched up the Repulse Bay Road to the Gap where they were held up by the South Wales Borderers.
Fierce fighting ensued and the Borderers called up the Redland Lincoln in support. The Redland Lincoln carried out an encircling movement and after reaching Deep Water Bay were in the rear of the invaders.
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	Feet
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Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,805
Talkoo Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hillside)	297

Mainland.

	Feet
Talmoshan	3,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

Sackcloth Dresses Popular

String And Window-
Cord For Belts.

STARTLING FASHIONS.

London.
Fashion is fluttering around in its choice of a spring mode, flying from the extreme of humble sackcloth to the glittering sophistication of oiled cloth for dresses.

All manner of string and twine-knitted or woven fabrics have been chosen by many designers for their new styles. Plaited twine belts encircle the waist and window cording is used to give the line of a belt on plainage frocks.

The skeleton coat, a novelty of the moment, is carried out in one of these new twine-canvas woven fabrics. It is made without sleeves and has a three-quarter length tunic effect, split up one side with a trimming of black for at the hem.

Another variation of it is composed of a shoulder-cape attached by the back to a wrap-over skirt.

The carotid red shade is popular and is used to cheer up the grey-beige tones that the dress houses are featuring.

Or, if sackcloth and window cording is too drab for you, there is oil-cloth. Among the gowns that must have been inspired by insects are sports suits of wasp striped in mustard and brown, with tight-fitting waistcoats of black lacquered ribbed silk.

There are evening gowns of cire net and chiffon in iridescent blues and greens which owe their inspiration to tropical insects.

Shiny oilcloth in mother-of-pearl, with pink, blue and green lights, is used for the big belt, and cuffs on a black, red, and white plaid day-frock.

Weird evening gowns, meant for sirens, are of shining satin draped tightly around the figure, and adorned with enormous net sashes, with streamers down the back of wax ribbon or real jewels. To add to the bizarre effect, shining wigs are worn with them. These are of silver-pink, silver-blue, pale gold, or mauve.—Reuter.



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

Jam and Jelly Making.

Apple Ginger.

Apple Jelly.

Apple Marmalade.

Apples are abundant and can be procured for quite a reasonable price at the market and at all the fruit stores. Green perfumed apples are selling at about 5 to 6 lb. for a dollar, and Korean apples at \$5 per case. Choose medium sized ones. For jam and jelly making use perfectly sound, just ripe apples and use as fresh as possible. Always use the best sugar, Taku granulated or loaf. If too much sugar be used the flavour of the fruit is lost; too little sugar means waste as the jam has to be boiled so long that it wastes considerably. Stir jam with a wooden or silver spoon. Keep the jam skinned as if the scum boils down into it, the jam is discoloured, and the flavour less delicate. The fruit should simmer until soft, but once the sugar is added the jam must boil very fast—so fast that it bubbles all over.

Apple Ginger.

Three lb. apples, weighed after peeling and coring, 1½ pints of water, 3 lb. of sugar, 4 oz. of whole ginger, the juice of 2 lemons. Bruise the ginger well, put it into a pan with the sugar, water and lemon juice, stir until the sugar has melted, then bring very slowly to the

boil. Peel, core and cut the apples into quarters, put them into the syrup when boiling and simmer gently until the apples are clear. Remove the ginger lift the apple slices with a perforated spoon, put them into jars, then pour the syrup over. The syrup must completely cover the apple. Cover with melted wax when cool.

Apple Jelly.

Three lb. apples, 1 lemon, 3 pints of water, 1 lb. of sugar to each pint of juice. Wipe the apples, cut them into quarters without peeling or coring them. Put them into a pan with the water and simmer until soft, then strain through a jelly bag or clean tea cloth, leave them to drain all night. Next day, measure the juice and put it into a preserving pan, and to each pint allow 1 lb. of sugar and a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Stir until the sugar has melted, then boil fast until the jelly sets when tested, about 20 minutes. Skim. Put into small jars. Cover and store.

Apple Marmalade.

This is made with the pulp of the fruit, after the juice has been strained, from it. Rub the pulp through a sieve and to each pound allow ¾ pound of sugar and ½ gill of water. Put all into a preserving pan, stir until boiling, then boil from ¾ to 1 hour, stirring almost continuously. Put into pots and cover liquid wax.

Chile Goes Off Petrol

All Vehicles To
Use Gas.

Chile has gone off petrol and is now on gas, says Reuter's correspondent at Santiago de Chile. On all hands private and public vehicles are being equipped with the gas-engine apparatus, ugly and cumbersome but practical, which enables cars to run on gas derived from charcoal fuel.

The change has been brought about by the inability to obtain petrol. The foreign oil companies refused to give further credit, the Government insisted that foreign exchange must be used for vital purchases, and a petrol rationing system failed.

Legislation has been drafted by the Government to ensure the systematic transformation of the country's motor transport to gas power. It is stated that the average transformation costs \$15, and that running costs are lower than those of a petrol engine, but that high speed is difficult to obtain.

A British factory has been started at Santiago which copes with a dozen "conversions" daily. Gas is already being largely used for motor-torries and it is a familiar sight to see lorries on the hilly highways with their huge fuel receptacle on top or at the rear and an emergency sack of charcoal by the driver's seat.

The changeover of buses to the new system will be expedited by a law obliging the installation of gas-engines on twenty buses a week. All interests are at the moment concentrating on an improved installation for private cars to overcome the private owner's resentment to the change.

LONG-SLEEVED EVENING GOWNS AGAIN

Long-sleeved evening gowns are making their appearance again. One smart Parisian wears an effective gown of orange red crepe, roman designed with long tight-fitted sleeves which are shirred from shoulder to wrist, a simple décolleté and a clinging skirt. With it she wears a long dark red velvet evening coat collared in blue fox.



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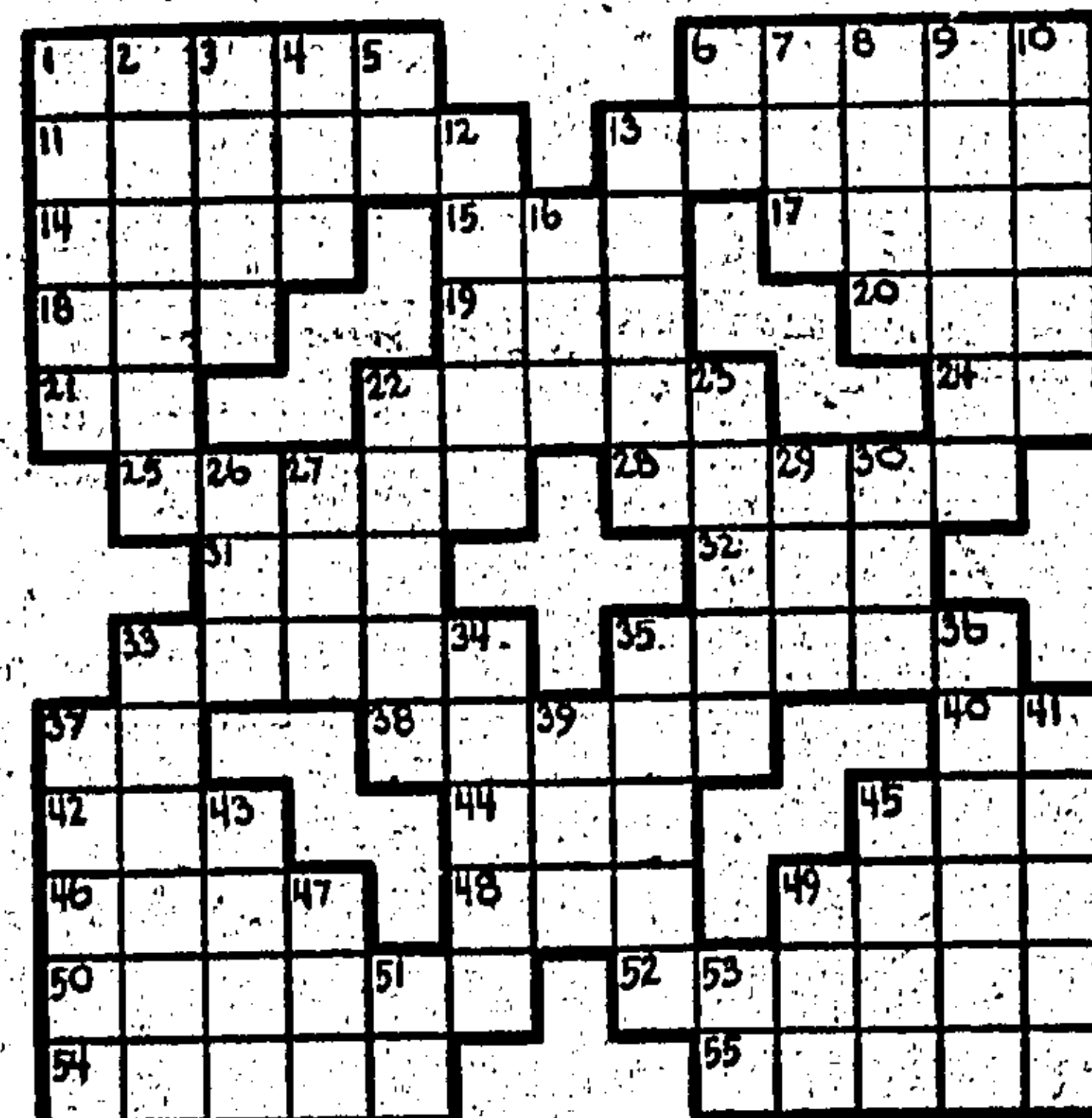
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This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1- Foundation
- 2- Distance downward
- 11- Excited
- 12- To go into seclusion
- 14- Sacred bull of Egypt
- 15- Fish eggs
- 17- On the summit
- 18- Clear of
- 19- Girl's name
- 20- A drunkard
- 21- Stannum (abbr.)
- 22- Rate of motion
- 24- Father (Short)
- 25- The pick of society
- 26- Cloaks
- 31- Time period
- 32- Raw meat
- 33- Gaze fixedly
- 35- Growing out
- 37- A liquid measure
- 40- Near
- 42- Railroads (abbr.)
- 44- A pastry

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45- A metric land measure
- 46- Consumes
- 48- Twitching of muscles
- 49- Girl's name
- 50- Still (Post)
- 52- To become ragged
- 54- Girl (Obs.)
- 55- Plants

VERTICAL

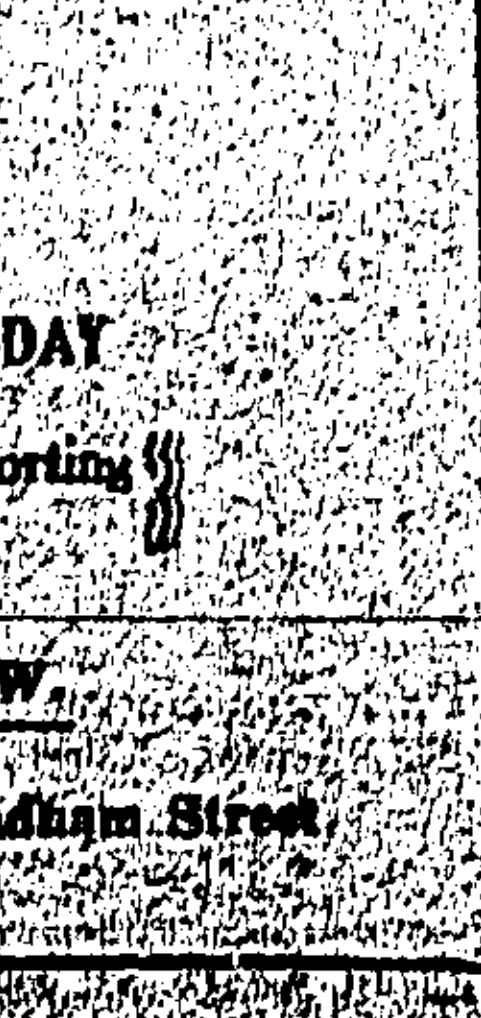
- 1- Endures
- 2- Like the Alps
- 3- Spoken
- 4- Pronoun
- 5- Point of compass
- 6- Proposition
- 7- Greek letter
- 8- Deep holes
- 9- Armies
- 10- Combining form
- 11- Seven

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12- To arrange, as hangings
- 13- Regenerate
- 16- Unit
- 22- A heavenly body
- 23- A male bee
- 26- Permit
- 27- Boy's name
- 29- A constellation
- 30- Fongle
- 33- Plural of stratum
- 34- Vacant
- 35- Chances
- 36- Gained
- 37- Iron
- 39- Three (Roman)
- 41- Rends
- 42- Agitate
- 45- Stake in cards
- 47- Sly (Obs.)
- 49- Corroded
- 51- The (Fr.)
- 53- Because

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BRIDGE NOTES

A PSYCHIC BID EXAMPLE

LESSONS OF PLAY.

(By CAPT. LINDSAY MUNDY).

During the early ties in the competition for the Portland Club Cup there have been some interesting hands. The following hand afforded a curious example of a psychic bid, which actually succeeded in the object with which it was made, namely, stalling off the powerful hand from a final declaration in Hearts, only to force a notrump declaration, in which there was a lay-down Grand Slam.

NORTH:
S-Q
H-10, 8, 5, 4
D-K, 10, 8, 4, 2
C-J, 8, 2

WEST:
S-A, 9, 7, 6
H-A, K, Q, 9, 7
D-A, Q
C-A, Q

EAST:
S-8, 3
H-J, 6, 3
D-7, 6
C-K, 10, 9, 7, 6, 3

SOUTH:
S-K, J, 10, 5, 4, 2
H-2
D-J, 9, 5, 3
C-5, 4

In Room I, N-S were vulnerable, E-W not. South dealt and passed. West called two Clubs (conventional), and received a two Diamond reply. West then re-opened with two Hearts, East three Clubs. West returned to four Hearts, and his partner put him to a small slam in Hearts.

They went three down on their contract, being unable to make any use of East's Clubs; in fact, after taking out trumps, the declarer had to fall back on taking over his Queen of Clubs with dummy's King in a heroic attempt to drop the knave.

In Room I, neither side was vulnerable. Over the two Club opening and two Diamond response South made the psychic bid of two Hearts, hoping to prevent a slam bid in that suit. West doubled, and East bid three Clubs, on which West went four no-trumps, where the bidding ended.

Unmissable But Not Biddable.

In that declaration East's Knave of Hearts could be used as a card of entry so that he could make all his clubs. Although a grand slam was unmissable, not even a small slam was biddable, because West, not having a small Club, could not be sure of being able to get dummy in to make his long suit.

The psychic bidder jumped to the conclusion that the best hope of averting a slam was to keep the declarer off Hearts. In reality, the only hope was to get him into Hearts and find his own partner long in that suit.

It would have been a very pretty hand to play in Four-Hearts. If West, as he did in Room II, tried to drop the trumps in three rounds, using East's knave as an entry after the Ace and Queen of Clubs had been played, he would miss the game. He could make the game by ruffing one round of Spades, then taking out four rounds of trumps, followed by Ace of Clubs, then taking over the Queen of Clubs with the King. As the Knave would not fall, he would then take the Diamond finesse, which would also fail. Thus he would lose two Spades and one Diamond, but make the game.

An Instructive Case.

The following hand, in which Mr. George Morris brought off a double after his own heart, shows the danger of putting your head in a noose when there is an alert opponent ready to pounce.

NORTH:
S-J, 8, 3
H-K, 8, 3
D-A, K, 10, 6
C-10, 9, 2

WEST:
S-K, 10, 6, 5
H-10, 9
D-J, 8
C-K, Q, J, 5, 4

EAST:
S-9, 4
H-A, 7, 5, 2
C-8, 7
D-Q, 7, 5, 3, 2

SOUTH:
S-A, Q, 7, 2
H-Q, J, 6, 4
D-9, 4
C-A, 6, 3

In Room I, South opened with One No-Trump, and West ventured on Two Clubs. North-South were not vulnerable, but East-West were. North thereupon, relying on the soundness of his partner's No-Trump bids, elected to double, getting them down two tricks, and so scoring 500 points. It will be noticed that South had no more strength than was disclosed by his opening bid, and that East had more than West could safely count on, and that North-South could not make the game, so that the 500 was all profit.

It should also be noted that North was not running a risk of losing the game by his double even if it should fail, as two Clubs doubled was not enough for game.

In Room II, South preferred to exploit that bid which the direct system so abhors, one Spade on a four-card suit, though holding a perfectly good no-trump bid. I was West and passed, North preempted to two no-trumps, and South raised him to three, which he failed to make. In this room both sides were vulnerable.

Through American Spectacles.

"Contract Bridge Bidding Principles," by Col. J. J. G. Walshe (De la Rue and Company) is very frankly bridge seen through American spectacles. The author sets out to describe the principles of all systems, 80 per cent, he says, of these principles being common to all systems. He then states that the only systems in use are the Approach-Forcing, the two Club of (American) Official, and the One over One.

This reads oddly, coming from the pen of a member of the Portland Club where, needless to say, none of these systems has the entrance. He entirely ignores both Natural bidding and the Direct System.

Viewed as a book of American bridge, it has many merits, conspicuously those of conciseness and clarity. The section dealing with the parallelism of hand patterns and suit patterns is particularly interesting and novel.

GREATER FACTORY EFFICIENCY.

Slump Improves U.S. Factories Output.

New York.

In 1932 the output per "man-hour" in manufacturing plants of U.S.A. was about 12 per cent greater than in 1929, states a study of changes between 1927 and 1932, made for the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Referring to the striking increase in efficiency of American workers in the last few years the study said that "with the laying-off of less efficient men, the retirement of less efficient equipment, the closing of less efficient plants, and the concentration of efficient men-working short hours—on the best equipment—(including of course improved equipment installed since 1929) a notable advance in average productivity has taken place."—Reuter.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

The programme of 5.30-7.15 p.m. will, provided reception proves satisfactory to be replaced by the Daventry programme advised below.

12.30 p.m.—European programme of recorded music kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, Selected London and New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2 p.m.—Close Down.

6.45 p.m.—European programme.

6.40 p.m.—A Concert.

Song—Annie Laurie Afton Water (Burns) Mary Garden (Soprano)

Violin Solo—Kreutzer Serenade (Lohar) Fraquita Serenade (Lehar-Kreutzer) Fritz Kreisler

Song—The Boatmen (Harris) The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott) John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

Violin Solo—Indian Lament (Dvorak-Kreutzer) Slavonic Dance No. 5 (Dvorak-Kreutzer) Fritz Kreisler

Song—Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces (arr. Lane Wilson) Do Not Go, My Love (Hagemann) Tudor Davies (Tenor)

Piano Solo—Caprice Espagnole, Op. 37 (Mozzkowski) Bohemian Dance (Smetana) Wilhelm Backhaus

6.40-7.20 p.m.—Light Opera.

Vocal Gems—The Blue Mazurka (Lehar) The Desert Song (Romberg) Light Opera Company.

Selection—Pirates of Penzance (Sullivan) Iolanthe (Sullivan) Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

Vocal Gems—Duchess of Dantzsig (Caryl) Light Opera Company.

Selection—Floradora (Stuart) Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

Vocal Gems—Miss Hook of Holland (Rubens) News—Light Opera Company.

7.20 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Pianoforte Recital by Miss Doreen Ma Programme.

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8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.3-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News—Close Down.

All records in the above European evening programme are from Z.B.W.'s Library.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEW

"SVENGALI"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

With the famous John Barrymore in the title role, "Svengali," a powerful film story of a mad megalomaniac master, declared by critics to be a film which will long be remembered, is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The picture, packed with thrills, suspense and a distinct thread of romance, was adapted to the screen from the famous stage play of a generation ago, "Trilby." The story of "Trilby," the beautiful model who fell victim to the hypnotic powers of the evil Svengali, is a story which will live through the ages. Warner Brothers could not have picked a greater pair (Barrymore and lovely Marian Marsh) for the two leading roles. The performances of John Barrymore always have been great, but he achieves his greatest triumph of either the stage or screen in his characterisation of the mad hypnotist.

MAIL REVIEW

"ONCE IN A LIFETIME"—CENTRAL THEATRE

"Once In A Lifetime" featuring Jack Oakie of Revue fame is the current attraction at the Central Theatre.

The film which is a satire on production methods in the motion picture studios of Hollywood is uproariously funny. The whole thing is wildly fantastic and winds up with small part actor-directing scenes in studios. Taken as a whole the film is good entertainment and is well produced, with effective backgrounds.

MAIL REVIEW

"THE SIGN OF FOUR"—KING'S THEATRE

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's gem of the Sherlock Holmes series, "The Sign of Four," makes excellent material for a talkie, and the picture now showing at the King's Theatre, is a production which brings out the basic points of this well-known detective story in a vivid manner, providing excellent entertainment and many thrills. The settings at times give the impression of being too modern, but does not detract from the general theme.

The prologue is well presented in a series of fast moving scenes which quite successfully establish the background for the real unravelling of the mystery. The acting is good throughout, especially that of Arthur Wontner who appears in his original role as Sherlock Holmes.

MAIL REVIEW.

"CONDEMNED TO DEATH"—STAR THEATRE.

"Condemned to Death" the film adaptation of the play "Jack O' Lantern" is now showing at the Star Theatre.

A strong and capable cast are in the picture including Arthur Wontner, Edmund Gwenn, Gordon Barker, Cyril Raymond, Griffith Humphreys, H. St. Barbe West, Gordon Blyth, as an Indian servant, James Cunningham, Gilbert Davies and Bernard Brunel.

MAIL REVIEW

"OUTSIDE THE LAW"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

Is there honour among thieves? "Outside the Law," which is the current attraction at the Majestic Theatre, gives the public as good as impression of the dealings of the underworld as can be found in any book on the subject.

A good cast headed by Edward G. Robinson, carries the picture through, with every minute abounding in thrills and suspense.

MAIL REVIEW

"LAW AND ORDER"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

Walter Huston, well known for his impersonations of gang leaders in racketeer films, takes a distinctly opposite part in "Law and Order," which is now showing at the Oriental Theatre.

As the town marshal of "Tombstone," famous Western outpost of the cattle kings, Huston clears up the district of all the 'bad men'. Huston lives up to his reputation as an actor and gives a good interpretation in a new part.

MR. FORD BELIEVES IN HIGHER WAGES

Wage-Earners Support Industry.

"CUTS ARE TEMPORARY"

New York.

Mr. Henry Ford still believes in high wages and that they must be raised swiftly when business volume picks up. He says so in an interview with "The Business Week," a leading economic business publication.

"Where else can you sell cars or anything else except to wage earners?" he asked. "There aren't enough people of any other kind to support any industry."

He admitted that he had been "forced" to lower wages in his own factories owing to the depression but he was emphatic that the cuts are temporary.

"I've never changed my ideas about wages in the least," he said. "I believe in efficient, well-paid men, not in a lot of poorly paid men."

He said he did not approve of the share-the-work idea, now widely touted among American businessmen. "You just have everybody poor under that plan," he objected. He believes also that industry must decentralize further, and scatter from huge factories to small units in towns and villages where workers can have a plot of ground and "assurance of sustenance."—Reuter.

COASTWISE

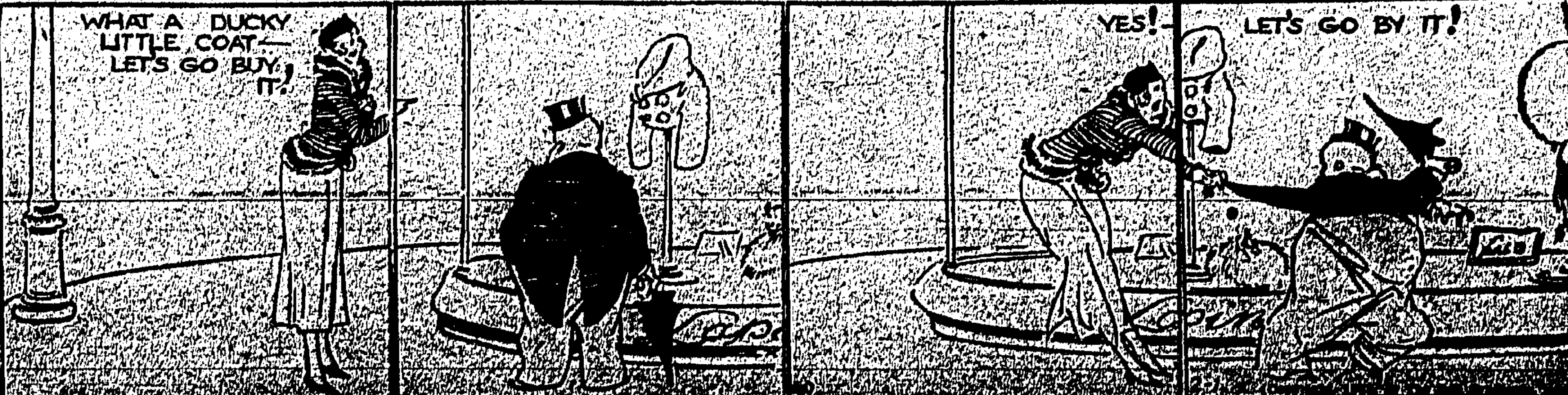
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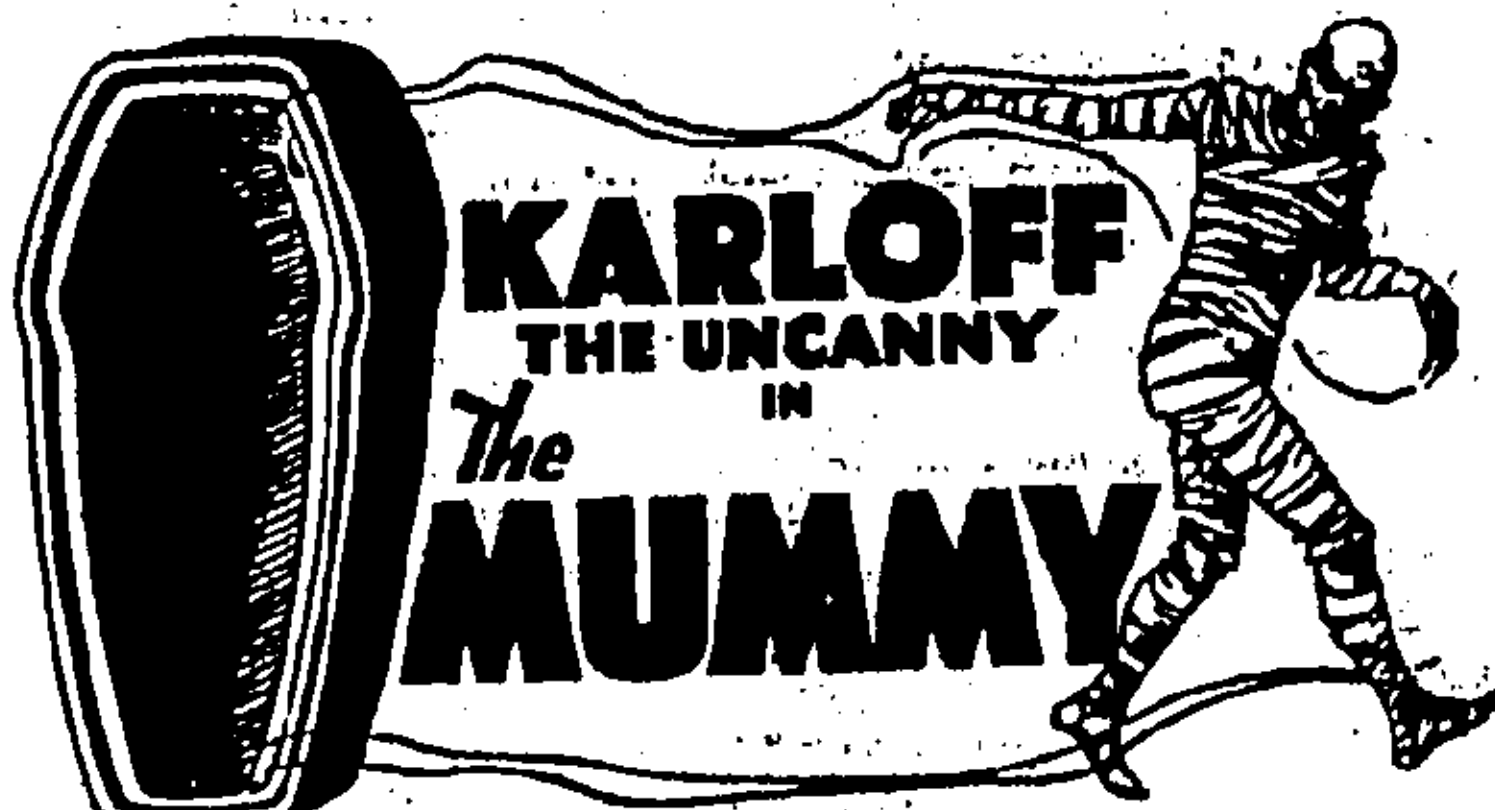
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THE MOTORISTS' PAGE

1933 MOTOR-CYCLE SHOW

Some Interesting
Innovations.

An Olympia Motor Cycle Show in 1933 is officially announced, and the news will gladden the heart of every enthusiastic motor cyclist. Though not exactly a surprise (says "The Motor Cycle") the announcement is welcome, for a Show will be doubly acceptable after two years; already it is something to show the reunited motor cycling public, but it is proposed to display camping equipment and other such items that go hand in hand with motor cycling, while films will be shown and talks given. Moreover, there are likely to be other exhibits about which it is impossible to say more at the moment than that they will specially appeal to young people—and, indeed, to all those enthusiasts who remain young at heart.

For 1933 the scope of the exhibition has been broadened. Not only is it certain that motor cycle manufacturers will have a great deal to show the reunited motor cycling public, but it is proposed to display camping equipment and other such items that go hand in hand with motor cycling, while films will be shown and talks given. Moreover, there are likely to be other exhibits about which it is impossible to say more at the moment than that they will specially appeal to young people—and, indeed, to all those enthusiasts who remain young at heart.

Another sensible decision is that the Show will be open on two Saturdays, as was the case in 1929; this will prove a boon to thousands who live too far away to make an evening visit possible.

The new arrangements give the fullest scope for the enterprise of exhibitors, and if they take advantage of their opportunity the Show will set itself a new standard of fame, effectually recovering from any eclipse that it may have suffered due to this year's lapse.

"ROBOT CAR" DRIVES ITSELF.

Obeys Its Master's
Voice.

Atlantic City.
A driverless motor car moving leisurely up and down the streets greeted the wondering eyes of scores of citizens here the other day. The machine is the only one in existence operated either by light or sound. It is a sort of modernized robot and obeys its master's voice like a faithful dog.
Standing 150 feet from the car, a man with a mirror which reflected the rays of the sun drew the car to him. Later he varied his method and by the sound of his voice brought the machine down the middle of the street and afterwards sent it back.—Reuter.

NEW AMERICAN ROAD RULE.

Spooning Motorists
To Go.

Cleveland, Ohio.
Bad news for local highway Romeos.
The City Council Safety Committee has approved a traffic regulation providing:—"No operator of a motor vehicle shall have either arm around another person while the vehicle is in motion; nor shall another person have either arm around the operator."
Then it went a step farther and approved a regulation making it illegal for any person, adult or minor, to sit on the lap of any driver while the vehicle is in motion.—Reuter.

THE FATTEST CHAUFFEUR.

Madrid.
A man who has never weighed less than 19½ stone except in his early youth, has been driving motor-cars in Madrid for 28 years, without having a single accident. He claims to be the world's heaviest chauffeur.
He says that his weight is his best support, as it keeps his car steady. He is a friend of Don Pedro, the Mayor of Madrid, who visited England last year and who weighs 20 stone.—Reuter.

MOTOR CAR DESIGN OF FUTURE

Rapid Advancement In
Stream-Lining.

7 H.P. COACHES POSSIBLE

London.
Motor-car design, as apart from engine improvements has changed but little in the past years. But to-day there is abroad a new spirit, inspiring the future type of coach work and already the cars of a year ago are beginning to look out of date and unconsciously ugly. Stream-lined coachwork is coming fast. That fact was emphasized at the recent motor show in New York. Since then Berlin has taken another step along the road.

Stromlinienwagen, as the Germans call the stream-lined cars, were in evidence everywhere. There was a six-seater Maybach saloon body which had pride of place in the centre of the great hall.

The bonnet was shaped like the rounded end of a cigar; rear mud-wings were merged into the coachwork; all the lamps were enclosed by the front wings.

The design was obtained after experiments with a model in a wind tunnel. So effective is the design in reducing air resistance that the engine, a "twelve cylinder," can propel the car at 120 m.p.h.

Motor-car designers are only now just beginning to realise that what really matters is effective propulsion, not horse power. In other words it is clear that anything which reduces the absorption of power has the same effect as the development of power from the engine.

The T-square car with the perpendicular radiator and the perpendicular wind screen are already obsolete.

Research into the problems of wind resistance probably began with the Golden Arrow. Certainly they were continued with successive Blue Birds. Also airship designers have contributed to our knowledge.

But there is a lot still to be learned. Designers have begun to appreciate the benefits of reducing air resistance. So far they seem to have stayed their minds after teaching something about pushing away the wall of air through which we travel.

Consequently, the newest fashions go for blunt noses and tapering tails. But instead of pushing against the air wall why not cut it with a knife-like edge?

Design All Wrong.

Anyway it is certain now that the orthodox design of cars is entirely wrong. Germany too is paying serious attention to front wheel drive. Hitherto English makers have merely toyed with the idea.

Front wheel drive will ultimately spell the disappearance of the present bonnet.

"No doubt you recall those auxiliary motor wheels for attaching to bicycles," wrote Laurence Cade recently. "Well, the ultimate car is going to be something like that. I do not mean that we shall attach an extra wheel, but that our power units will be so small and compact that their housing will occupy very little space."

They will actually be auxiliaries. We shall buy cars and our engines will be in the nature of spares. They will be serviced. That is to say, in the unlikely event of breakdown, the motorist will merely have to unhook his engine and replace it with a spare one just as to-day you unhook an accumulator from a wireless set and use a spare.
It sounds a little ridiculous to talk about a spare engine, but with a seven horse power engine

but that is very nearly possible to-day.

Logical Goal.
"We shall have seven horse-power motor-coaches. Or, rather, we shall have engines of 750 c.c. propelling coaches. They will, of course, develop much more than the nominal seven horse-power, and the coaches will be streamlined."

"This is not a dream of the future, but the logical goal which, even now, we are approaching. Do you realise that motor taxation has gone down considerably? We still pay one pound per horse-power, but the power is measured in terms of capacity, not performance."

"The man with a ten-horse-power car is paying about half the tax which he would have been called upon to pay for a car of equal road performance at the inception of the flat tax. If it were not so, if we had not raised the power unit, motoring could never have made the enormous strides which it has made."

There is reason for saying that the next British Motor Show at Olympia visitors will see a number of cars a little startling in appearance. But they will be roomier and better looking. The day of the present type of square body is fast disappearing. Already these squarish cars—all straight lines, horizontal and perpendicular—are beginning to look on the London streets more like old fashioned stage props.—Reuter.

SIR WILLIAM MORRIS ON RACING CARS.

Building Them A "Sure
Way To Ruin."

Sir William Morris presided at a luncheon of motor racing drivers at the Savoy Hotel held in honour of M. G. successes during the past season.

He made it clear that he is still opposed to building cars with racing as the main objective. It was, he declared, a sure way to ruin.

"I have not gone in for racing," explained Sir William, "because I want to remain in business. I am like a breeder of famous sheep-dogs. Suppose I sold one to a man who entered it for the greyhound Derby at the White City. If the dog won I should be delighted, but I should not be foolish enough to pour out money trying to create a breed of racing sheep-dogs."

Men bought M. G. cars, he added, and raced with them and won. Naturally they were delighted, but the important thing was that these cars would still behave like a tame rabbit in traffic.

Lord Howe, who is to be one of a team driving M. G. cars in the famous Italian thousand miles race next April, said that in the new M. G. Britain had at last produced a car fit to hold its own against the finest racing cars of the world in its class. He looked forward to the day when some British manufacturer would build a racing car to beat the world, irrespective of size.

"ANY" NUMBER PLATE.

The other day I came upon a sidecar outfit being driven very carefully. Just as I was about to overtake, I noticed that there was something odd about it. Then it suddenly dawned on me: the outfit had the new three-letter indicia on its rear number plate. "AMY," they were—typical indeed! Up till then I had not noticed any such plates, but on the following day I came across a lower than five-letter plate in "The Motor Cycle."

LATEST IN REFUSE COLLECTION.

Albion Waggon In
Use.

The recent Public Works and Health Exhibition in London provided an opportunity for displaying a number of the latest developments in motor vehicles specially designed for cleansing.

A special feature of the Albion 7-cub. yd. refuse waggon shown is its small turning circle of under 40 ft. diameter, which enables the machine to hug the kerb on corners and to be handled easily in congested streets or awkwardly situated dumps. Three foot-operated dustless covers are fitted to each side of the all-steel Eagle patent body, the height of the treads being arranged so that they act as life-guards.

Among the new appliances making their first appearance was the "Factum," a Dennis production. The secret of this lies in the series of steel bars running longitudinally about halfway between the floor and the roof of the body, for about two-thirds of its length. When refuse is tipped in from the top, dust and other small articles fall to the bottom, but boxes, tins and articles of the "container" class are caught by the bars.

At this juncture, a transverse plate, normally located at the front of the body, is caused to travel to the rear under hydraulic pressure. By this arrangement, all the collapsible articles are reduced to their smallest volume, and so do not waste valuable body space.

JUNK TRAGEDY.

Enquiry Into Customs
Cruiser Affray.

The enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of a three-year-old Chinese girl, Ng Kwo, who was fatally injured by shell fire as a result of an armed encounter between a trading junk and a Chinese Maritime cruiser on the early morning of April 1, was opened at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Butters.

The jury consisted of Mr. E. Cock, Mr. D. E. Clark and Mr. C. C. Champkin. Mr. J. A. Fraser appeared on behalf of the Crown, while Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the Chinese Maritime Customs.

His Honour in outlining the case, said the girl was killed aboard junk T2051 H by a shot from the Chinese Maritime cruiser Kwan Lul, when on a voyage from Hong Kong to Saikung on the morning of April 1.

Mr. Butters pointed out that much depended on whether the skirmish took place in British waters or not.

The case was adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon.

Personal Pars.

Lt. I. G. Moon was a passenger for the Colony by the s.s. Ranchi which arrived in the Colony yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Pattenden arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. Ranchi. They were passengers from London.

Major-General Eustace and the Hon. Mr. J. C. Drake arrived in the Colony yesterday from Bombay, by the P. and O. s.s. Ranchi.

Sub-Comdr. W. and Mrs. Timmins were arrivals in the Colony from England yesterday, by the P. and O. s.s. Ranchi. They were accompanied by their daughter.

Lieutenant Commander C. J. M. Lang, R.N., Staff Officer Intelligence Department, Hong Kong, is to be relieved in July by Lieutenant Commander A. L. Bennett who is due to arrive here on the s.s. "Rawalpindi" about the middle of July.

Among the passengers which arrived in the Colony yesterday by the Empress of Russia from Manila were Mr. R. P. Courtney, Mr. J. B. Buchanan and three children, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clark and Miss M. R. Clark.

Correspondence.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
CHARITY BALL.

(To The Editor "China Mail.")
Sir.—With a view to raising funds for the New Territory Medical Benevolent Branch of the St. John Ambulance, a Charity Ball was held at the Hong Kong Hotel on the night of the 4th March, 1933, under the distinguished patronage of the Hon. Sir William Shenton, Kt. The accounts of the function have now been closed and a summary of the receipts and expenditures is given below. It will be seen that a substantial sum of \$2,103.25 has been raised, which amply demonstrates the liberality of the public even in these days of depression.

Receipts:
Amount derived from Raffles and cigarettes \$559.50
Sale of tickets 2,070.00
Sale of dolls by auction 100.00
Discount on drinks 17.40

Expenditures:
Printing and sundries \$23.75
Hong Kong Hotel 615.00

Net proceeds \$2,103.25

We are greatly indebted to the Hon. Sir William Shenton for having kindly consented to be the patron of the Charity Ball and for performing the opening ceremony of the function. It is generally recognised that the New Territory Medical Benevolent Branch owes its existence entirely to Sir William's unstinted efforts. It is also a fact that the success of the Charity Ball is to a large extent due to his distinguished patronage.

We also wish to take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging our gratitude to His Excellency the Governor and honourable members of the Executive Council for the remission of the usual fee payable for permission to carry on the Dance after midnight.

Our thanks are also due to:—
The Wing On Company, Limited for 4 Fancy Dolls and six dozen Dancing Dolls for Button Holes.
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The British-American Tobacco Company, (China) Limited for 1,000 "Embassy" (Cork Tipped).
The King's Theatre, The Queen's Theatre and the Central Theatre for screening the date for meeting of the Charity Ball.

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The proceeds of the Dance are most gratifying and will substantially assist the Ambulance in carrying out its much-needed work among the poor and sick in the New Territories.

Yours, etc.,
T. O. T'so,
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UNIVERSITY UNION MEETING.

Sir William Peel Elected
Patron.

At the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong University Union, the following officers were returned for the session 1933-34:

Patron, H. E. Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.; President, Mr. Lam Kew Cheong; Hon. Sec., Mr. Ong Ewe Hui; Hon. Treas., Mr. W. B. Buchanan; Independent members, Miss Clara Wong, Messrs. H. N. Lee, R. Wooler, and Young Wai Wah.

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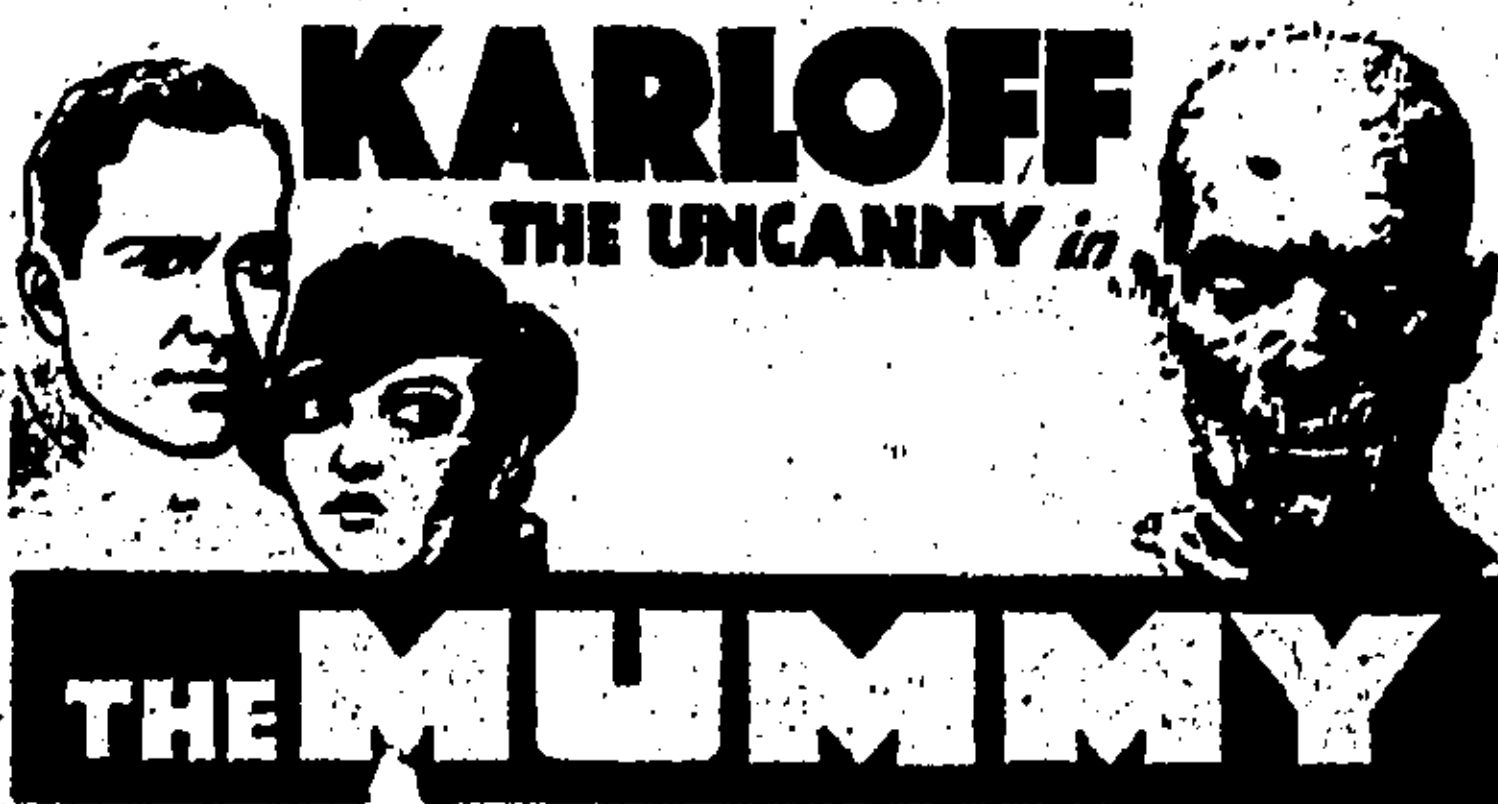
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Parliamentary Rule.

Men of a dominant type have usually managed, in British countries, to override Parliament without flouting it openly. They have not merely preferred safety; they have also enjoyed subtlety for its own sake. Cromwell was the outstanding exception to that rule, but he had to deal with abnormal circumstances. Bismarck, on the other hand, even in times of peace often displayed openly his contempt for the Reichstag, so that any respect for Parliamentary institutions which ever existed in the Empire he founded was plainly no legacy of his. Subsequent events have not enabled his successors to raise the credit of political party systems, and in the final result we have just seen large numbers—possibly a conscious majority—of the German electors voting for a movement which, they well know in their hearts, is as likely as not to supersede Parliament altogether, either in the spirit or possibly in the form. This is but the latest example of the way in which, not in one land but in many, discredit has fallen on a system for long regarded, and most of all in Britain, as the last word in good government, the cherished privilege of every free people. The European nations are much younger in their apprenticeship, and their faith is, perhaps, a great deal weaker. Of late, it has been tested beyond endurance, and the world has witnessed a succession of dictatorships, some of them veiled and some of them avowed, some of them benevolent and some of them ruthless. Parliamentarianism, in many cases a frail and newly-rooted plant, is being tested as never before. Many are asking themselves whether it will survive. The possibility of almost any change is widely recognised. What, in all this, of Britain? There, as elsewhere, institutions long unquestioned have felt the breath of a sceptical challenge, though they have not fallen before it. Does the "mother of Parliaments" still stand where it did in popular regard, and is its future reasonably secure? In the current issue of the "Contemporary Review" Lord Ponsonby sets out to examine this question, the title of his article being "Will Parliamentary Government Survive?" He limits his theme to Great Britain alone, taking little account of developments elsewhere. Lord Ponsonby is well known for his Left Wing sympathies and activities, and Left Wing used once to stand for popular representation as its very charter of liberty. But nowadays one never quite knows where the Radical is in such matters until he declares himself, whether for Commissioner or for Chamber. We find, however, that Lord Ponsonby, once a Liberal, now a Labour man, while recognising, with numerous examples, the inescapable fact that "our slow-working, ill-devised procedure for legislation, combined with gradualness, cannot cope with the problems of to-day, which need rapid and drastic action," expects the situation to be saved by a further extension of the system of substituting for detailed legislation Orders in Council and administrative orders. He wants, as he says, to see an exercise of "dictatorial power without a personal dictator," apparently by permitting the people still to elect their legislators, who are then to allow the executive power almost a free hand. It sounds, and he admits it, remarkably like the establishment of an unfettered bureaucracy. Even without going thus far, Parliament could expedite its work a great deal by simplifying its methods. These are subject to interest the intelligentsia. The real question is, What is the attitude of the populace? Britain, it must be remembered, has not for the first time, suffered less from the temptations of unrest than have the majority of her Continental neighbours. She has had, and still has, her own serious troubles, but they have not been intensified by such currents of violence as have swept over many other lands. Nor does she give sign of having lost confidence in herself. She is "faint, but pursuing," while some there are who have ceased to pursue. The speculations which keenly trouble the doctrinaire observation for example of the supreme fact that economic issues of vital importance have far outstripped the powers of political delegates—are sensitive but slightly among the general masses, whose mood is the real basis of national content or its opposite. "Secretly," says Lord Ponsonby, "we envy the dictator's method when we notice how expeditiously it works elsewhere." There are groups which feel that way, undoubtedly, most of them in camps to which Lord Ponsonby and his co-thinkers are bitterly hostile. But we doubt if such feelings are really widespread in a country which, ever since the war, has been adding its unemployed on a scale so generous as to have no parallel.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

McSmith, McBrown, and McEvans. To-day, if any other regiment tries to sport a red plume (and the attempt has been made) there is trouble. Special permission to wear the hackles has been given, however, to the 42nd Royal Highlanders of Canada.

One of the most impressive features of the function was the evidence of the care which the Association takes to keep contact with Black Watch men overseas and to find employment for every man who has been a member of the regiment.

The "big noises" of the evening were Pipe-Major Smith, champion piper of the Army, Lance-Corporal Brown, his assistant, and Colonel Evans, most modest of V.C.s, who captured a German pill-box single-handed.

With these three distinguished Highland names the traditions of the fighting Forty-two are in safe keeping.

Stage Bathing Scenes.

There was more undressing in a recent night's production of "Flies in the Sun" at the Playhouse than one has seen on the London stage for some years.

There were sun-bathing scenes in the first act, with some fairly credible attempts at diving from a rock into the blue Mediterranean. The second act gave Miss Gladys Cooper an opportunity to outvie Miss Talullah Bankhead at coquetry in a gorgeous peach and black negligee and a white canopied bed.

The third brought a nocturnal repetition of the beach scene, and some of the guests rose from the dinner table, removed an exiguous evening gown to reveal an even more exiguous bathing suit beneath, and dived again into the moonlit sea, heedless of the imminent risk of stomach-cramp.

Your Daily Smile.

CLEVER.

The man who wrote to his creditors that bill-posters would be prosecuted.

Philosophy.

It's one of the paradoxes of life that it is only the secret life of a film star that is not screened.

FROM EXPERIENCE.

The customer whose account had been outstanding for some months paid up.

"That letter you sent me did it," he said. "I've never seen one like it. Why, it would get money out of a stone. How did you put it together?"

"I chose the best bits out of the letters my boy sends me from college," the merchant explained.

Literary Thought.

This flood of cynical novels indicates a general desire to write sneering stories.

Not Built in a Day.

A house which was begun eight years ago on a mountain-side in Switzerland is not yet finished. Another example of shilly-shally.

Enthusiastic.

The boxer who laid out his own garden.

MYSTERIOUS.

Science has added ten years to every person's expectation of life. Most women, however, still dye young.

Facts You Did Not Know.

His movements timed by an electrical device, a Swiss ski jumper who made a speed of 81.82 miles faster than any other man unaided by mechanical propulsion.

Through a study of earthquake waves at Princeton University scientists hope to learn how deep mountains extend into the earth and the thickness of the earth's crust.

Japanese have invented a two-wheeled package carrier to be attached to an American motor-cycle to deliver loads of from 500 to 800 pounds at a speed of 35 miles an hour.

When heat causes a new automobile fire extinguisher to release flame another gas that it contains it also trips a hammer that fires a blank cartridge to sound an alarm.

TRAGEDY OF INDIA'S "UNTOUCHABLES"

HOW LACK OF CASTE HAS DEGRADED 43,000,000

(By Robert S. Walker.)

Who are the "Untouchables?" They figure very prominently in the news just at present, and their claims—or rather, the manner of dealing with certain of them—have provoked both a very strained situation in India and Gandhi's fast, now at an end.

No one who has had the smallest acquaintance with India would need to ask the question. Vast as are the populations of the peninsula, they cannot submerge and conceal a body whose numbers have been placed as high as 70,000,000.

Admittedly, it is impossible to arrive at actual figures, but the Simon Commission's estimate of 43,600,000 "Untouchables" is probably nearer the mark.

Defilement by Mere Touch

Thus there is a population in India about as large as that of the whole of Great Britain who are condemned from infancy to live in most tragic conditions. No conqueror has reduced them. They are not victims of the British Raj. Their sufferings are due to the caste system of India, which allows to these masses no caste at all—or, at least, only the very lowest caste, which excludes them from contact and companionship.

And that deprivation has been maintained for hundreds of years. Outcasts as they are, they yet live within the Hindu religious and social system.

They are the "Depressed Classes," otherwise the "Submerged Classes," but are more popularly known as the "Untouchables." A high-caste Hindu considers himself so defiled by the mere touch of one of them that a bath in cold water becomes a necessary ceremonial purification. He will not sit upon a chair which has been placed in position by one of these unhappy people.

The "Untouchable" must not draw from a well used by caste Hindus, for that very act would render the water impure. He may not enter the temple to join in worship. His children cannot come into contact with caste children in the schools, for that would pollute them.

Forbidden To Draw Water

Here is an illustration of the caste Hindu's abhorrence of contact. A British Commissioner in the Central Provinces was engaged on an inquiry, for which people from remote villages were summoned. They were collected along the road, bringing with them their land records. These the "Untouchables" had to lay on the ground before the feet of the Brahman sub-officer, who would have been defiled had he taken them straight out of their hands.

Only after the villagers had withdrawn a few paces did the Brahman condescend to pick up the books and papers and verify them before passing them on to his British superior. The Brahman stood by in stony and disgusted silence while the British representative actually talked to the outcast people.

The drawing of water has been the cause of frequent troubles, not restricted to the wells. Where the Government has introduced a public water supply, delicate questions of its pollution if made available to "Untouchables" have arisen. Where a river is the source of supply, the caste Hindus, drawing near at hand, are content if "Untouchables" abstract their water lower downstream.

The fact that higher up-stream others of the non-caste peoples have drawn their water does not seem to matter; possibly the flow has cleansed it.

At railway stations in India no question is raised concerning the caste of the porters who handle the passengers' luggage; but the man who supplies drinking water to those who are thirsty is always a Brahman.

Perhaps the most pitiable result of this tyrannical system is seen at the schools. In the larger cities of India, schools under Government control recognise no caste restrictions. But in the villages you find "Untouchable" children, if admitted at all, banished to "matas" on the outside verandah, where they pick up scraps of teaching as they can. Other schools, more liberal-minded, admit outcaste children to the class-room, but group them separately; the worst schools

make the child attending the lesson stand outside the building.

Outcasts In The Schools

An extreme case was actually seen by a member of a committee appointed by the Bombay Government. A boy was made to sit apart on a high platform, exposed to the sun outside the school, which was held in an upper room. The teacher occasionally leaned out of the window to give instruction to him. On rainy days he had to go home.

A terrible result of their long subjugation to the caste Hindus is that these massed millions of "Untouchables" accept their destiny as natural and inevitable. Living on the edge of starvation, they are without hope of improving their lot. They are condemned to the lowest, occupations; in towns to the cleansing of closets, scavenging, and similarly undesirable work; in the country areas they are the poorest of all agricultural labourers.

In Malabar and near around the degradation of the "Untouchable" still is such that not only is he forbidden to use certain main roads in daylight, but he may not approach within a certain distance of a high-caste Hindu. If meeting one, he must leave the road to let the caste man pass, and even may be required to shout a warning of the risk of pollution.

In another part of Madras a local authority preferred to leave the roads unattended rather than employ labourers of the despised class in repairing them.

In every Province of India this problem of the "Untouchables" crops up. Only Burma is free from it. In the United Provinces and Bengal the larger number of these outcasts people are to be found, and there they comprise fully one-fourth of the total population. There, accordingly, trouble is most acute.

It is only a recent years that the "Untouchables" have attempted to assert themselves, and by organisation, have sought to improve their their unhappy lot.

They found a capable leader of their cause in Dr. Ambedkar. About three years ago they began a campaign for admittance to the temples. A deputation, which included four women, sent to place their demands before the authorities of the famous Parvati Temple at Pooná, was met with a fusillade of stones, slippers, and other missiles from caste Hindus at the temple entrance.

Exclusion From Temples

Later, when admission was demanded to the Kalam Temple at Nasik, a town which is a sacred place of Hindu pilgrimage, they found the temple gates barred against them and guarded by armed men.

Caste feeling has made it difficult for the British authorities to employ any of the "Depressed Classes" in the higher ranks of the police. It has been urged that they should be eligible for recruitment for the Indian Army.

Still, progress has been made in uplifting these much-wronged millions from their low estate; much yet remains to be done. The Simon Commission paid tribute to the missions in India, "which have done splendid work in giving them a new dignity and a new hope."

U.S. RELIEF COSTS DOUBLE.

110 Cities Report Increase.

Washington. Large increases in relief expenditures for the first nine months of 1932 as compared with 1931 are shown in reports from 110 leading cities of U.S.A., says the U.S. Children's Bureau. In 63 cities, all having 50,000 or more population, the expenditures had more than doubled—Reuter.

KING HONOURS BRITISH BANKER

Calcutta. King George has conferred the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Nile on Sir Edward Cook. Sir Edward has been Governor of the National Bank of Egypt 1931—Reuter.

CHINESE PATENT LAW

Not Yet Enacted At Nanking.

LATEST RULING BY MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Shanghai, To-day. Much importance should be attached to the following ruling by the Ministry of Industry as reported by the Kuo Min news agency from Nanking:—

"No Chinese patent law has yet been enacted and promulgated. Articles patented in foreign countries enjoy therefore no patent rights within the jurisdiction of China."

The ruling was made in response to a query from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai whether it was lawful to manufacture for sale in China duplicates of foreign commodities.—Reuter.

MIMIC WAR TAKES PLACE IN HONG KONG

(Continued From Page 1.)

The Blue and Lincolns were then held between two bodies of their opponents, and the war was declared finished. All troops then returned to barracks.

The invading force was at all times under observation by the defending force, and for the purpose of the exercise, their landing, which was performed under fire from the machine guns of the defenders, was allowed.

Aeroplane Bombing.

Aeroplane were again in the sky at dawn this morning, and carried out bombing exercises. The bombs were only imaginary ones, and were dropped by the aeroplanes as they swooped low over the troops engaged.

The boom of the four-point-nine howitzers at Happy Valley, opposite the Monument, could be heard some miles away. The battery had an observing officer, stationed on the hillside off Stubbs Road, at Magazine Gap, who signalled targets and ranges to the gunners. Blank cartridges were fired by the four guns at intervals.

The garrisons of the local forts were on the alert all night. Searchlights swept to and fro continuously in search of the hostile fleet.

Submarines and destroyers patrolled the waters around Hong Kong, and after picking up the two invading ships, they steamed along in their wake with all lights doused. Immediately the landing place was known, the information was wirelessed to Col. Nosworthy.

The manoeuvres were witnessed by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Dreyer, and the G.O.C., Major-General Borrett. Many staff officers were present at one or other of the "battles," and the two senior umpires were Col. Boys, commanding the Lincolns, and Col. Marsden, commanding the Royal Engineers. Col. Cousens, Asst. Adj. and Qr. Mr. Gen. in charge of Administration, was present at Wongnechung Gap.

The Commanding Officer of the Lincoln's landing party was Major Thoyts, and the officers commanding the Berwick and Medway were Captain Sedgewick and Captain Mar-rack, respectively.

SECOND FATALITY ON ISLAND RD.**Cyclist Collides With Lorry.**

The second successive fatal accident as the result of a bicycle colliding with a lorry, took place last night in Island Road near the 10th Railway Bridge, when Wong Chuen of 166 Hennessey Road was seriously injured when his bicycle ran head on into motor lorry 679.

Wong sustained a fractured thigh and severe bruises, and injuries to the head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but succumbed to his injuries at 7.30 p.m. last night.

SERVANT STEALS MAH-JONG SET

A Chinese servant, Wong Kau, 20, was sentenced to 6 weeks' hard labour by Mr. Wynne-Jones this morning for theft of a mah-jong set from his Chinese master.

He was seen by a district watchman in Des Voeux Road, trying to pawn the set, and was detained.

PREMIER TO LEAVE FOR U.S. ON APRIL 15

Mr. MacDonald To Visit President Roosevelt.

WORLD CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON

London, To-day.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, has accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to visit Washington for a discussion of war debts and the economic situation of the world, and will leave for America on April 15.

The Premier will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ishbel MacDonald, and the Treasury experts.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

An early announcement that during the Easter Parliament recess the Prime Minister will make a visit to America for a personal talk with President Roosevelt on the World Economic Conference and other matters is anticipated by the newspapers.—British Wireless Service.

FRANCE MAY PAY WAR DEBT INSTALMENT.

Washington.

It was learned the administration has found reason to believe that France intends to pay her defaulted war debt payment of \$19,261,432, which was due last December.

Several nations defaulted payments due at the time, France being the most important. Six nations, headed by Britain, paid their obligations.

France evidently is considering payment so that she may receive treatment equally with other countries which paid their obligations. The former Republican administration indicated it would give first consideration to those whose debts were paid up. The Roosevelt administration has indicated it is still open minded on whether to discuss debt revision with countries in default or not.

It was also learned that diplomats who are planning the world economic conference are contemplating transferring the scene from London to Washington.

June 1 has been mentioned as a tentative date.

News In Brief.

Chan Lock, a Chinese shift coolie was seriously injured as a result of a fall from a plank in the engine room of the Raby Castle, while she was lying at the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf.

Mr. Tse Yee, of Pottinger Street, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital late last night suffering from injuries to the head as a result of walking into a public motor car in Pokfulam Road.

Owing to the Cathay Lodge Installation Banquet being held in the Gloucester Restaurant on Friday, April 7, the management of the Gloucester Building announce, that the usual Dinner Dance is unavoidably cancelled.

Chan Wing, a 14-year-old Chinese boy of No. 228 Queen's Road East, was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from the effects of an unknown drug, believed to be administered by a foki who has since absconded with \$1,700.

Shing Kun-shui, a Chinese male of 15 Connaught Road West, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening, suffering from injuries received as a result of being knocked down at the Dairy Farm, by a motor car driven by an unknown Chinese.

A Chinese female, Yun Ho of Prince Edward Road, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday evening, suffering from injuries to the head sustained by being knocked down by a private motor car, driven by Insp. G. H. Miles of the Sanitary Department, at Canton Road.

Sentence of 6 months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning on Wong Wai, a Chinese male foki, who was seen by a district watchman in a tramcar in Des Voeux Road yesterday, to slip the left hand pocket of a passenger in front, and steal 30 cents.

SILVER STEADIER IN NEW YORK

Little Danger Of New Banking Crisis.

RAILS DISTURB MARKET

New York, To-day.

Business was brighter on the New York Stock Market yesterday, while in the silver market, foreign cables were steadier. The day's business was 1,140,000 shares.

Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company, through their local agents, Messrs. Asia Lands, Ltd., state:—

"The heaviness of rails has disturbed the whole market. We think the action of industrial issues, considering the carrier weakness, is quite encouraging. Wheat ruled strong on commission house buying and further talk of inflation.

Cotton is hesitatingly higher in sympathy with wheat. In the silver market, cables have been steadier.

The spread between May and the more distant months is widening, due to liquidation of long positions and to switching. We think there is little danger of a repetition of the early March situation as regards bank stocks, though major bank legislation has not yet been whipped into shape.

"In the meantime we think it is better to wait and see what the Government will do towards readjusting the banking situation."

Industrial and utility averages advanced 1.42 and 20 to 57.51 and 19.53 respectively, while rail and bond averages declined .91 and 23 to 23.64 and 73.55 respectively.—Reuter.

DOLLAR UNCHANGED**Fractional Rise In Silver Prices.**

The local dollar remains unchanged at 1/3%.

Silver prices, both spot and forward, gained 1/16, being quoted this morning at 17 5/16 and 17 3/4 respectively.

The pound value improved slightly this morning, cross rates being quoted at £—G\$3.42 1/4 and £—G\$3.42 1/4 for the London on New York, and New York on London, rates, respectively, as compared with £—G\$3.42 and £—G\$3.41 yesterday.

BETRAYED BY LOUD NECK TIE.**Chicago Bandit's Fatal Weakness.**

Chicago.

A penchant for flaming neck ties led to the undoing of Rudolph Wadsley.

A man reported to the police that he was robbed of \$5 by a bandit who "wore the loudest necktie you ever saw."

A few hours later a policeman saw Wadsley sauntering along a street.

"There couldn't be another necktie in the whole city like that one," said he to himself.

So he took Mr. Wadsley—and the necktie—to headquarters where the plaintiff identified him as the man who had robbed him.—Reuter.

A PORTABLE MINT INVENTED.**Ingenious Counterfeiters Tried In Camera.**

Kassel.

Two men who have been sentenced here for counterfeiting had perfected such an ingenious apparatus for the exercise of their trade that part of the proceedings were conducted in secret.

Owing to the danger of making the method available to other false coiners.

Their whole apparatus, raw materials, moulds, high temperature smelting equipment, working tools and everything needed in a smart-looking suitcase.

They admitted that they had disposed of 4,000 such specimens in different towns.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

To-day's report issued from the Royal Observatory states that the weather will be cloudy, with moderate East and South-east winds prevailing.

To-Day's Short Story.**THE SHILLING**

By Gerald Bullett.

WAKING

at nine o'clock on this particular winter's morning, young Harrison, an elegant but impecunious free-lance journalist, lay for a moment meditating on the disadvantages of occupying a second-floor flat in a four-storey building.

A more than ordinary tumult had broken out in the room above him, rousing him from happy dreams. Something crashed, something fell, and a confusion of footsteps hurried to and fro.

"The bridegroom-elect does his morning exercises," remarked Harrison to himself; for now, shaking off the vagueness of sleep, he remembered that Milbury, the top floor tenant, had a guest. He had good reason to remember this circumstance, for until an hour or two past midnight he himself had been of the party, and the three friends—Milbury, Pryne and himself—had found the talk so compelling, and the whisky so congenial, that they had allowed Pryne's last train to go without him, so that Pryne finally had to be accommodated with a shakedown in Milbury's sitting-room. A decent fellow, Pryne, Harrison reflected; a decent, dependable fellow, humorous in a quiet way, and just now almost pathetically pleased with himself because he was on the point of marrying Clare Henshaw.

Both Pryne and Milbury had been contemporaries of Harrison's at Cambridge five years before. Pryne, having a little money of his own, bought a country cottage and painted in water-colour; Milbury, a more forceful character, took to commerce, and was destined, his friends prophesied, to go far; and Harrison, being possessed of a lively curiosity and a disinclination to settle down, was doing odd jobs of journalism until something more amusing should turn up to claim him. At Cambridge he had seen little of Pryne and less of Milbury; and his nearer acquaintance with both men was due to the chance that had made him, inadvertently but by no means unwillingly, Milbury's neighbour. Since coming to this flat, six months

ago, he had struck up quite a friendship with Milbury; and as for Pryne, Milbury's frequent visitor—a charming fellow, thought Harrison, but why so early a riser, he added peevishly, why so active and noisy at the unseemly hour of nine?

His meditations were cut short by other sounds: the scurry of feet on the stairs, and a loud, urgent banging at the door of his own flat. "What on earth—!" The banging stopped for a moment, and after a pause was resumed with new fury. In that pause Harrison heard someone walking quickly across the floor of the room overhead. "Coming! Coming!" called Harrison, and leaping out of bed, thoroughly awakened at last, he slipped his feet into bedroom slippers and ran to open the door, thinking the house must be on fire.

"Oh, Mr. Harrison, sir. . . ."

It was Mr. Rodgers, the woman who came each morning to start Milbury's day for him: cook his breakfast, clean his shoes, and clean up after he had left for his office.

"What's wrong?" asked Harrison.

"Oh, please to come upstairs."

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be "The Temple of Memory," by Owen Oliver.

Isn't it awful, sir?"

"What's wrong, woman? Don't be a fool."

"The place is full of gas. And him lying dead, sir. And I'm going to be sick in a minute. I know I am." She caught hold of Harrison's arm and pulled him into the passage. "Come up and see for yourself. I durstn't go back alone."

Harrison leaped up the stairs, with Mrs. Rodgers scrambling up behind him. "Have you turned it off," he called, "and opened the windows?" But without waiting to hear her answer he dashed into Milbury's flat. The reek of gas met him; and there also met him, before he had gone a couple of steps along the top landing, the distraught figure of Milbury.

"Milbury! Thank God you're safe!"

Milbury came staggering towards him. He clutched for support at his friend's outstretched hands. "Pryne," he gasped. "Poor Pryne."

"You mean he's dead?"

"I'm afraid so. Mr. Rodgers found him. Did she tell you?"

"Come along," said Harrison sharply. "We must get him out of there and do what we can."

"We've done that," answered Milbury wearily. "We carried him into my own room. He was in there, in the sitting-room, you know, sleeping on the settee bed. Mrs. Rodgers found him. There's nothing we can do now."

"Have you rung up the doctor? Here, man, you're looking pretty green. You'd better sit down. Nasty shock for you." Harrison, with an impatience that seemed at variance with his sympathetic words, pushed the afflicted man into the kitchen-scurry, the only room left to them that boasted a chair. "Now, pull yourself together, Milbury. Have you rung up the doctor?"

Harrison himself was in a state of high tension. Everything was excessively vivid to him. This commonplace domestic interior was as bright and strange in his consciousness as a scene of nightmare. His mind seemed empty of thought, dominated by horror; but nothing escaped his notice, and the oddest details fastened themselves with peculiar emphasis on his attention. Milbury's unshaven face, with its look of settled gloom; Milbury's pyjamas, their green stripes, their texture, and a brown stain on the tassel of the cord that belted the trousers; the "cream" distempered walls of the room; the plate-rack; the sink where last night's coffee-cups and whisky-glasses awaited the ministrations of Mrs. Rodgers; a table covered in white American cloth; and the dresser, with a row of crooks depending from hooks. These things came at him suddenly, like a chorus of sharp, unmeaning exclamations. In the two silent seconds that followed his question about the doctor, before the question could be either answered or repeated, he heard Mrs. Rodgers on

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CHINESE SOLDIERS IN COURT**Possession Of Raw Opium.**

8 ACCUSED FINED \$100

Ten Chinese recruits of the Second Independence Division, who were about to proceed to Swatow yesterday morning, were arrested on the Douglas Street Wharf, Connaught Road, and detained in the Central Station, where charges of possession of raw opium were preferred against them.

The sequel to the arrest took place this morning at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. W. Schofield, when eight of the accused pleaded guilty to possession, and were fined \$100 or in default six weeks' hard labour.

Two of the accused, Lok Wai-man and Sun Chung Nam pleaded not guilty, his Honour adjourning the case to this afternoon.

Evidence was called, in which was stated that the defendants were in fact taking the opium out of the Colony to Swatow, and being service men, would most probably not return to the Colony.

The opium was found concealed in blankets which were strapped round the shoulders of the men.

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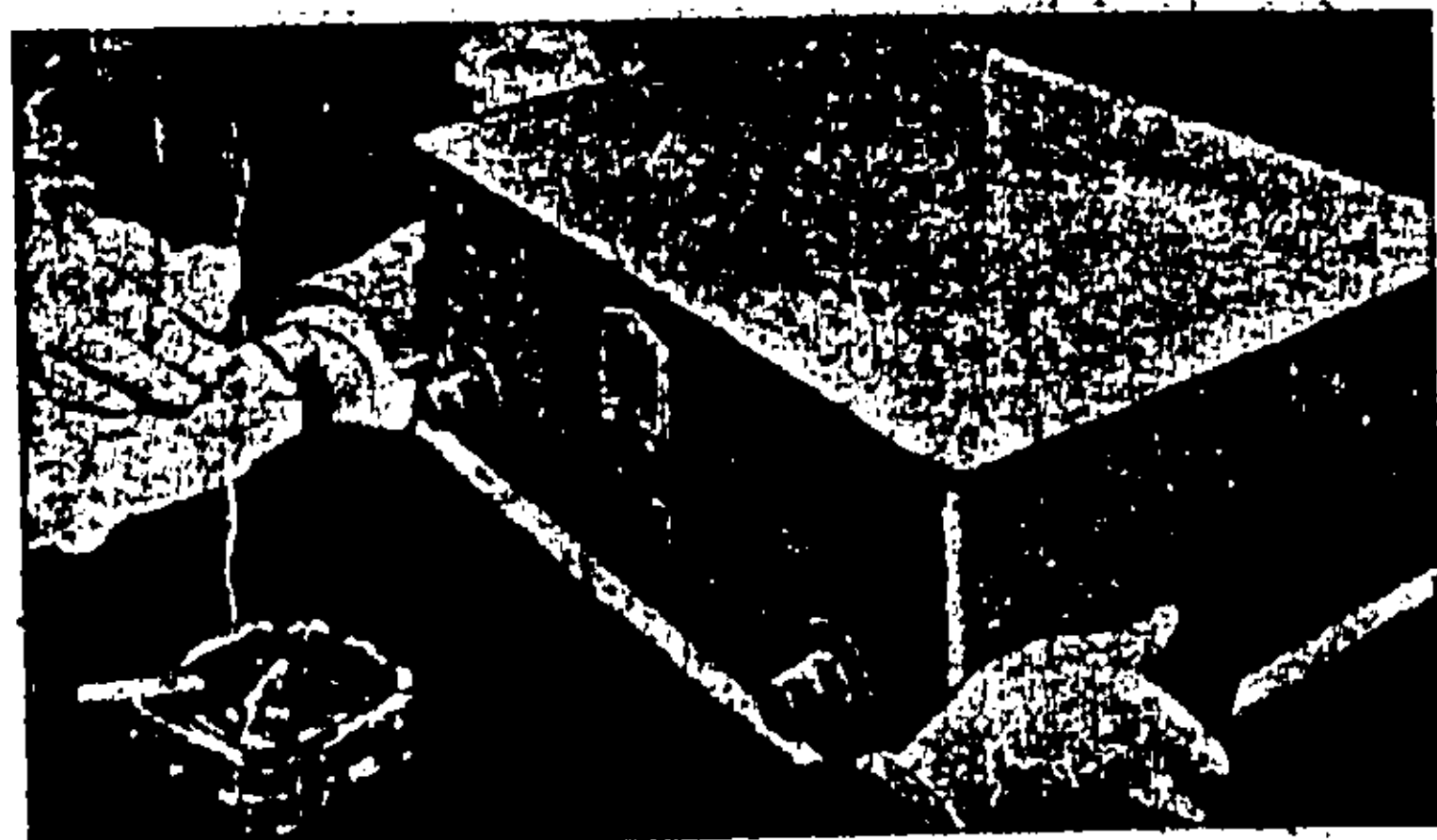
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LA SALLE
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LADY PEEL PRESENTS
PRIZES

AMONG those present yesterday afternoon at the La Salle College second annual athletic meeting were His Excellency Sir William Peel, and Lady Peel, accompanied by Capt. Walters, A.D.C., Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, I.G.P., Mr. N. L. Smith (Director of Education), Mr. A. O. Brawn (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. C. B. R. Sargent (Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School), M. Teissier (French Consul General), Very Rev. Bro. James, O.B.E. (Visitor of the Christian Brothers' Schools in the Far East), Rev. Bro. Matthias (Director of St. Joseph's College), Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, and Rev. Fr. Noval and Rev. Bro. Almar (Director of La Salle College).

The Brother Director of the College, Brother Almar welcomed Sir William and Lady Peel and conducted them round the buildings prior to attending the sports meeting.

The Rev. Brother James, Visitor to the Christian Brothers' Schools, before asking Lady Peel to present the prizes, said:—

Your Excellency, A most agreeable duty has been assigned to me this afternoon. On the kind invitation of the Rev. Brother Director and on his behalf I have to thank Your Excellency most sincerely for so kindly condescending to accept the office of Special Patron of the Annual Sports Meeting at La Salle College and Lady Peel for having so graciously consented to present the Prizes. For my own part I consider it a signal privilege to meet Your Excellency here to-day more especially by reason of my time honoured personal acquaintance with Your Excellency's long and distinguished career in the Malayan Civil Service. On behalf of La Salle Brothers I am glad to assure Your Excellency that this year's first visit to the college since its opening for the purposes of English Education is much appreciated and regarded as very encouraging and shall ever be remembered with deep gratitude both by the Management and succeeding generations of students who will receive instruction within its walls. I feel bound to add that Your Excellency can at all times count upon the good-will of the Christian Brothers for fostering and upholding those sound principles of morality and unswerving loyalty and devotion to our good Government which have invariably been a distinctive feature of their educational work at St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong.

I am requested by the Rev. Brother Director to tender our sincerest thanks to our generous Prize Donors and to the members of the Sports' Committee and other worthy persons who have, by their devoted services, contributed to the brilliant success of this afternoon's function. I heartily congratulate the Prize Winners on their splendid achievements, whilst I extend my sincere sympathy to those who, notwithstanding their good-will, good intentions and fine performances, in the various contests, have not been registered on the Prize List. Let them console themselves with the thought that defeat is no necessary sign of demerit.

On behalf of the Rev. Brother Director and his devoted staff, I beg to thank you all, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kind attendance at this second Annual Sports Meeting of La Salle College and to assure you that your presence is much appreciated. With your kind permission I will now respectfully request Lady Peel to give away the Prizes to the successful competitors who must feel highly gratified by the signal honour of receiving them from her hands.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

The full results were:—
Putting the Shot (Sr.)—1, Lee Yuen-koon; 2, Lee Sung-koon. Distance: 41 ft. 7 ins.
100 Yards (Jr.)—1, A. Ablong; 2, J. Remedios. Time: 12-1/5 secs.
100 Yards (Sr.)—1, G. K. Lee; 2, A. Phayom. Time: 11-2/5 secs.
100 Yards (Midgets)—1, R. Marques; 2, J. Marques.
High Jump (Jr.)—1, T. Reis; 2, S. W. Pun. Height: 4 ft. 5 ins.
High Jump (Sr.)—1, J. Alves; 2, (Continued at foot of next Column.)

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Scottish Union President On the Virtues of Rugby

MR. J. Crawford, president of the Scottish Rugby Union, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Kelvin-side Academical Club (London section) in the May Fair Hotel, Brigadier-General J. Charteris presided.

Replying to the toast of his health, proposed in a witty speech by the chairman, Mr. Findlay, who himself is a former pupil of Kelvin-side Academy, recalled an historic cricket match in 1879 with Glasgow Academy, which in those days, he said, they were taught to try to emulate, particularly on the sporting field. The Academy batted first and scored 29 runs. Kelvin-side replied with 4, two of which were extras. Their spirits were not damped, however, and when the Academy added another 20 for their second innings they were left with a dour task. Kelvin-side, however, scored 58 at the second attempt, and therefore won by 3 runs.

"That," he said, "was a grand kick-off to the sporting toiler that were to take place between the two schools. It did us a power of good and Glasgow Academy no harm."

Now to Equal Rugby.

It was, however, Rugby football, he continued, that held and fascinated the boys of his day. He had

heard it said that games played too prominent a part in modern school education, but despite that criticism he was convinced that of all the games a normal healthy boy might play there was none to equal Rugby football. It was on the Rugby field that one learned to take hard knocks with a smile, to keep one's temper, and never to retaliate. This lesson well learned stood one in good stead in after life.

It was not the case he added, that Rugby was not a game for a timid boy; on the contrary, it was decidedly for such a boy, one feeling others doing exactly what he was afraid to do, would soon learn courage to do likewise. Rugby also taught quickness of decision, he who hesitated on the field was truly lost.

But probably the greatest virtue of this great game was its unselfishness. A boy or a man who played Rugby soon learned that above all else, he was engaging in a team game in which the individual "star" could not shine alone. "Of all the games ever invented," concluded Mr. Findlay, "to try the temper of a quick tempered boy, give him Rugby. I first learned to love the sport when a boy at Kelvin-side Academy, and I still love it."

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VARSITY HOCKEY IN EARLY DAYS Vine Sticks Wrapped With Copper

FORTY-TWO years ago the first hockey match was played between Oxford and Cambridge. In those days, when most athletes favoured a flowing moustache and a lot of clothing, this match was an event of importance. Hockey had only just developed from a dangerous game to be played upon the village green into a recognised form of sport. Mr. George Lewis, one of the team who played in this first inter-varsity match, tells something of the early days of the game. "I started playing hockey on the common at Marlborough," he said. "We usually played with vine sticks, but those who were very keen would have the crutch filled in and bound with tarred twine. When I left Marlborough to go to Cambridge I was the proud possessor of a weapon of this kind, though bound with copper wire; I could easily drive a ball with it from one end of the hockey ground to the other. However, in my first year at Cambridge, the Hockey Association brought in a rule forbidding metal fittings, and insisting that every stick should pass through a 2 1/4 inch ring. My

old friend, I fear, would not have gone through a four-inch ring."

Five College Teams.

In 1889 the Varsity Hockey club was started, and only five of the colleges played hockey. They were able to arrange matches with the Wimbledon and Surbiton clubs, and were always beaten by them, although they attempted to make up for this afterwards in Trinity hall with audit ale and brown sherry. It was in 1890 the Cambridge Club challenged Oxford. The challenge was accepted, and the Universities had about a fortnight in which to get ready their teams. Cambridge went to Oxford, and the match took place in the "Parks" on a ground that a modern player would probably refuse to play on. Cambridge was beaten. Next year the two teams met on the Queen's Club ground in London. Cambridge granted a half-Blue for Hockey in 1894, but Oxford not till 1901. Full Blues were awarded by Cambridge. In 1908, but the Oxford Committee did not grant this honour till 1929.



LADIES' GOLF

Mrs. McElney's Two
Successes.

THE Medal Pool held during the month of March on the Old Course at Fanling was won by Mrs. McElney, who returned a card of 102-21=81. Mrs. McElney was also successful in winning the Eclectic Competition on the New Course, with a card 57-76=52-3/4.

MRS. GIRONDA qualified for the Captain's Cup for March with 105-30=75.

A Medal Pool will be held over the New Course, Fanling, during the month of April, and a Bogey Competition has been arranged for Tuesday, April 25, on the New Course.

ENGLISH SWIMMER BREAKS RECORD.

World Figures For 400
Metres Backstroke.

London, Mar. 29. The world's swimming record for 400 metres backstroke was broken yesterday by Bedford, well-known Manchester aquatic star, who has timed in five minutes 41.8 seconds. The previous record was held by Inyo, the Japanese swimmer, with five minutes 42 seconds. —Havas.

Plus Yok. Height: 5 ft. 2 1/4 ins.
100 Yards Handicap (Boys from 6 to 10)—1, J. Gosano; 2, G. Sequeira.
Long Jump (Jr.)—1, S. W. Pun; 2, A. Ablong. Distance: 15 ft. 2 1/4 ins.
Long Jump (Sr.)—1, V. Novikoff; 2, J. Alves. Distance: 18 ft. 2 1/4 ins.
Sack Race—1, F. Sequeira; 2, A. Abdullah.
220 Yards (Midgets)—1, E. Marques; 2, J. Marques.
220 Yards (Jr.)—1, A. Ablong; 2, J. Remedios. Time: 28-2/5 secs.
220 Yards (Sr.)—1, W. Gottsche; 2, J. Alves. Time: 28-3/5 secs.
440 Yards Handicap Open to the boys of St. Joseph's College—1, A. Sequeira; 2, S. Hamet.
Obstacle Race (Midgets)—1, J. Gibson; 2, G. Rosario.
440 Yards (Jr.)—1, R. Ribeiro; 2, G. Silva. Time: 73-2/5 secs.
440 Yards (Sr.)—1, W. Gottsche; 2, J. Alves. Time: 66-1/5 secs.
Two Miles Bicycle Race—1, J. Staples; 2, F. Sequeira. Time: 8 mins. 25 secs.
Invitation Relay Race—1, St. Joseph's College; 2, C.B.S.
Half Mile—1, W. Gottsche; 2, G. Go. Time: 2 mins. 50 secs.
Half Mile (Jr.)—1, R. Ribeiro; 2, J. Remedios. Time: 8 mins. 11-2/5 secs.
Points Race (Midgets)—1, E. Marques; 2, J. Marques.
Inter-Class Relay Race (Sr.)—1, Junior "A".
Tag of War Inter-Class—1, Junior "B".
Boys' Race (Sr.)—1, A. Leung; 2, J. Alves.
Boys' Race (Jr.)—1, A. Leung; 2, J. Alves.
Boys' Race (Midgets)—1, A. Leung; 2, J. Alves.
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MAORIS WELCOME M.C.C. CRICKETERS.

Tourists Visit Rotorua.

Auckland, Mar. 30. The Maoris at Rotorua, in the heart of what is known as the Hot District of New Zealand, gave the English cricketers a very enthusiastic welcome when they arrived to-day to see one of the chief sights of the Dominion. The M.C.C. team were shown the thermal wonders and gorgeous scenery of this neighbourhood, and Maori maidens danced with graceful poise in their honour. —Reuter.

RULES FOR NEW YACHT

Evolved From Jolly Boat Class.

GREAT SPEED EXPECTED

THE committee of the Yacht Racing Association, sitting under the chairmanship of Mr. J. S. Highfield, Rear Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, has completed the rules for a new national class of centre-board boat which, it is anticipated, will prove to be a craft of great speed. The type is evolved from the old Jolly-Boat class, which attained fame chiefly in the vicinity of Plymouth.

JOLLY-BOATS were commonly open boats with somewhat heavy centre-boards. The new type will be half-decked, with large buoyancy tanks to make them unsinkable. They will have a heavy cast-iron centre-board of sufficient weight to enable them to be stable enough to be sailed by two persons. The crew will be limited to three.

A special feature seems to be the design of the cast-iron centre-board, which will be of a standard pattern for all boats of the class. The object of standardisation of the centre-board is to save expense by prohibiting gunmetal plates and experimental designs of centre-boards. The rules for the class, however, admit of plenty of opportunity for experiment in the design of the hulls and sail plans of the boats and considerable variation in their size.

THE owner, within certain limits, may choose a short, light boat with a large area of canvas or a long, heavy boat with smaller sails. Thus it is probable that the light boat with large sails will be more suitable for inland waters, and the heavier craft with the more snug rig for the open sea. The principal rules of the new class are:

Length—Maximum allowed over all, 17 ft. 6 in. minimum, 16 ft.
Sail Area—The 17 ft. 6 in. boat is allowed a sail area of 162 square feet. For every tenth of a foot less than 17 ft. 6 in. the sail area may be increased by 2 square feet. Therefore, a 17 ft. boat may have 172 square feet and the shortest boat in the class, 16 ft., the largest sail area allowed, 192 square feet.
Breadth—Not less than 5 ft.
Depth—Inside the hull, 8 in. out from the centre-line of boat to sheer-line amidships, not less than 2 ft.
Weight—The weight of the hull of a 16 ft. boat must not be less than 300 lb. and 2 1/2 lb. of additional weight of hull for each one-tenth of a foot in excess of 16 ft. (The longest boat allowed being 17 ft. 6 in.) This weight of hull is without the centreboard and tanks and loose gear.

Deck—The boat is half-decked, with a cockpit area of 25 square feet and 9 in. waterways at the sides.
Buoyancy Tanks—Not less than 8 cubic feet of water-tight tanks must be fixed in the boat. These will easily float the boat and crew if waterlogged.

Weight of Centreboard.—A standard ballasted centreboard made of cast iron for all boats weighing 350 lb. and over.

Max Height.—28 ft. 6 in. over all stepped so that 20 in. is housed below the deck. This will provide for a high narrow Bermudian sail with short boom for all boats. The jib halliards to be 18 ft. above deck. No bowsprit allowed.

The boat is to be equipped with four sails—mainsail, two jibs and a spinnaker. There are limitations upon the size of the largest jib and spinnaker.

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HOCKEY

SAINTS TROUNCE THE POLICE

Mackay Scores Three
Times.

CLUB'S NARROW WIN

The St. Andrew's Club defeated the Police by 5 goals to nil in their Mamak Hockey Tournament game on the Police Training School ground yesterday.

N. A. E. Mackay scored for the Saints in the first half, and after the interval Mackay (2), A. S. Blas and E. F. Fincher added further goals. The Police fielded only eight of their regular first team, and were a man short during the first half.

Mamak Hockey Table

(Up to and including yesterday's games)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio	21	18	2	1	72	15	37
St. Andrew's	20	15	3	2	61	14	32
1st By H.K.S.	18	13	3	2	64	23	28
R.C. Signals	20	12	6	3	67	25	27
R.A.S.C.	21	12	6	3	59	25	27
Incorrigibles	15	13	1	1	46	9	27
Wishart	15	11	4	0	32	24	22
Medway	20	6	8	3	32	20	20
R.A.M.C.	20	7	8	5	26	31	19
Police	13	7	4	2	21	23	16
University	15	8	7	0	26	27	15
R.E.	13	7	10	1	19	37	15
12th R.A.	15	6	8	1	24	26	12
Parthian	14	5	7	2	25	28	12
Phoenix	13	4	6	3	22	30	11
Veteran	13	5	7	1	24	27	11
Tamar	16	3	11	2	14	33	8
K.I.T.C.	18	3	13	2	15	55	8
R.A.O.C.	18	2	14	2	5	57	6
German Club	15	2	12	1	16	54	5
24th R.A.	14	1	11	2	12	87	4
20th R.A.	13	1	11	1	4	28	8

As the 8th Destroyers Flotilla have withdrawn, 2 points for a win have been deducted from the Tamar and 1 point for a draw from the R.A.M.C.

PLUCKY Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. did exceedingly well to hold the Club to only one goal on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday. G. E. R. Dyett scoring in the first half.

Fielding two reserves the "Y" played pluckily in their first game against the Colony's best hockey side, and proved worthy substitutes for the Lincolns, who were forced to cancel their fixture with the Club on account of the manoeuvre.

F. J. Perry, who has arrived home from a South African tour, will, on his father's advice, take a rest from all lawn tennis tournament play until the British Hard Courts Championship at Bournemouth early in May. Perry, however, may play for Chawick Park in the final of the Middlesex Mixed Doubles Club Championship.

be fixed in the boat. These will easily float the boat and crew if waterlogged. Weight of Centreboard.—A standard ballasted centreboard made of cast iron for all boats weighing 350 lb. and over. Max Height.—28 ft. 6 in. over all stepped so that 20 in. is housed below the deck. This will provide for a high narrow Bermudian sail with short boom for all boats. The jib halliards to be 18 ft. above deck. No bowsprit allowed. The boat is to be equipped with four sails—mainsail, two jibs and a spinnaker. There are limitations upon the size of the largest jib and spinnaker.

Arthur Gilligan's Great Indignation

"Biggest Hiding" For Boy
Imitators Of Larwood

At the annual meeting of the Sussex County Cricket Club, Arthur Gilligan, the former Sussex and England fast bowler and captain, said, in reference to the body-line bowling controversy: "Whether it should be employed in County cricket or not should be left to a higher body than this. This winter we have seen the roughest, nastiest, and coarsest cable ever sent from Australia, to which the M.C.C. sent a most dignified, courteous and statesmanlike reply. This matter will be left to the M.C.C., but I hope that body-line bowling will never spread to club or village cricket."

Mr. Gilligan added: "If any schoolmaster should see any boy doing this dreadful thing on the cricket ground, I hope he will give him the biggest hiding he ever had in his life and send him off the field for a week. I do not follow that. If a fast bowler should happen to send down a short ball, he should be told to bowl with a tennis ball, but we do not want bowling at a batsman."

Sporting Page

SOCCER

SHIELD FINALS

Borderers' Opportunity For "Double."

UNIMPRESSIVE SOUTH CHINA

Eight Games Over Week-End
(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

Saturday will witness the finals of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions on the Club ground commencing at 2.15 p.m.

Mrs. W. T. Southorn, wife of the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn has kindly consented to present the Shield and miniatures to the winners and runners-up.

The senior game will be between the Borderers and South China. Judging by recent form, all indications point to a Borderers' win, but South China have been known to make good recoveries in a short space of time.

The Recreio's sensational win over South China last Sunday is an indication of the form the latter have displayed this last month. This was their second defeat in a month, the Borderers having taken two points from them in a League game.

The Borderers, who are also represented in the Junior Shield, have great prospects of carrying off the "double." The Junior team has shown consistent form throughout the season, and the Navy will have to go all out to secure the victory.

South China are fielding their strongest team in the Senior Shield, and it is hoped that the full forward line comprising, Cheng Shui-hong, Tam Kong-pak, Fung King-cheung, Wong Mei-shun and Li Pak-wa will be on view.

The Chinese halves will most probably be the same as in their last shield game, Tong Kwan and Yeung In-chun, with Leung Wing-chai as centre half. Both Lee Tin-sang and Lau Mau will fill the back division while Lim Thin-chun will be in the goal.

The Borderers are not certain of their team and have as yet been unable to select it owing to the manoeuvres.

Two First Division games will also be down for decision, and the Lincolns and Kowloon game at Caroline Hill should provide the best.

Three Third Division games complete Saturday's programme.

On Sunday, the Artillery meet the Athletic and should avoid defeat. But one can never tell what may happen now that the Artillery have lost many of their players.

The following is the week-end football programme with the results of previous league games given in brackets:—

SATURDAY

SHIELD FINALS

BORDERERS v South China (Club, 4.15 p.m.)

NAVY v Borderers (Club, 2.15 p.m.)

FIRST DIVISION

POLICE (2) v Recreio (3) (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)

LINCOLNS (4) v Kowloon (2) (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

University (9) v R.A.F. (4) (Athletic, 3 p.m.)

South China (11) v Athletic (1) (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

LINCOLNS (1) v R.E. (1) (Sookunpo, 8 p.m.)

SUNDAY

FIRST DIVISION

ARTILLERY (4) v Athletic (1) (Sookunpo, 4 p.m.)

Below are given the progress of the Senior and Junior Shield teams to the Final Round:—

SENIOR SHIELD

South China

Received a bye in the First Round.

beat Kowloon 2-0

beat Navy 1-0

Borderers

beat Club 5-1

beat St. Joseph's 5-2

beat Lincolns 2-0

JUNIOR SHIELD

Borderers

beat Artillery 2-1

beat R.A.S.C. 2-0

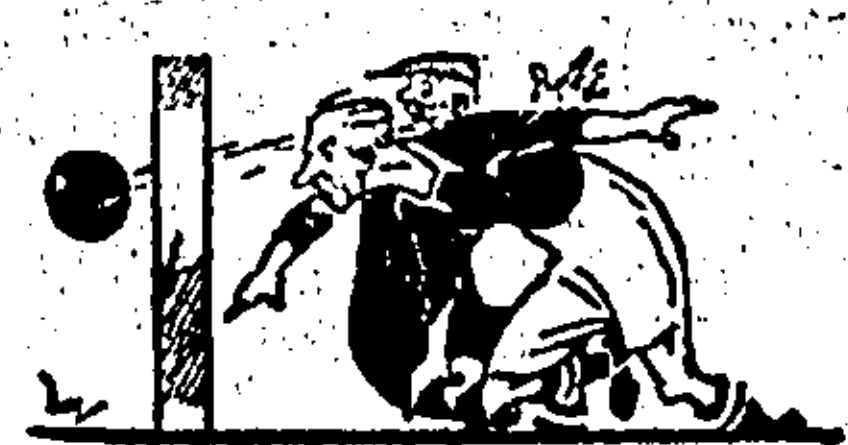
beat R.A.F. 2-0

Navy

beat Recreio 2-1

beat Athletic 2-1

beat R.A.F. 2-1



The following are the goalscorers in the Shield competitions this season to date:

SENIOR SHIELD

Langnead (Navy)	5
Davis (Borderers)	3
Jones (Borderers)	1
Forley (Borderers)	2
Wirth (Club)	2
Leung Tat-wing (S. China)	1
Baldry (Lincolns)	1
Usher (Navy)	1
McPhee (Navy)	1
Johnson (Police)	1
Mullane (Borderers)	1
Wong Mei-shun (S. China)	1
Underwood (Borderers)	1
Harris (Borderers)	1

JUNIOR SHIELD

Pearson (Navy)	4
Mathias (Borderers)	4
McGuinness (Lincolns)	3
Murrell (Navy)	2
Gregory (R.A.F.)	2
Clary (Navy)	2
Sayer (Navy)	1
Santos (Recreio)	1
Yeung Tun-hon (S. China)	1
Benwell (Kowloon)	1
Pang Kam-hing (Athletic "B")	1
Lo Chee-yin (Athletic "A")	1
Barradough (Artillery)	1
Morris (Borderers)	1
Hamblyn (Borderers)	1
Brown (R.A.S.C.)	1
Tait (R.A.F.)	1
Rawson (Navy)	1
Taylor (Navy)	1
Lo Chai-wan (Athletic)	1
Chadwick (Navy)	1
Pritchard (Borderers)	1

The following will represent the Club de Recreio against the Police on Saturday, in their First Division soccer game at King's Park at 4.30 p.m.:—

W. Lawrence; R. A. Silva-Netto, V. F. Marques, G. A. Guterres (captain), C. Pinheiro, W. Macintosh, T. Castilho, J. Gomes, N. Delgado, J. Gonsalves and F. A. Santos. Reserve: R. Laurel.

MISSING SAINTS PLAYERS.

Game Forfeited Before Commencement.

CAPTAIN IN THE DARK.

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

IN an interview with B. Gosano, captain of the St. Joseph's Football team, he informed me that he was unable to give any reasons for the non-appearance of his missing players in last Saturday's game against the Athletic.

Gosano said he was just as surprised as anyone, when, five minutes before the game was due to start, he found that only seven of his men had made an appearance. He thought that they had made a mistake in the grounds, but on going to the team's own ground at Happy Valley, he was still unable to find any of the missing men.

Gosano went back to the Athletic's ground where he informed the referee that as he was unable to field a full team he would give the Athletic a walk over.

It was at this period that the Division game between the Recreio and the Radio concluded and several of the players came over to watch the senior game.

Realising that they might just as well borrow some men from the Recreio and play their match, Gosano approached the Athletic captain, who readily consented.

Gosano, knowing that the game would be forfeited to the Athletic, picked out three Recreio men in Delgado, Simms and T. Castilho.

The game was played and result-

V.R.C. Defiant

Ignore New Swimming Association.

WILL STAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERPORT

The Victoria Recreation Club, the oldest swimming club in the Colony, have no intentions of affiliating with the Hong Kong International Swimming Association, the newly organised body. The V. R. C. also intend to hold the Colony Championships again this year as in former seasons, and have already written to Shanghai regarding Interport arrangements.

These statements were made by Mr. W. Logan at the annual general meeting of the V. R. C. last night.

The financial position of the Club was in a very satisfactory condition on the year's working.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C. M. G.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. A. Dixon; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Hyndman; General Committee, Messrs. W. Logan, C. E. Roza Pereira, S. V. Gittins, J. M. Alves, S. A. Marcal, G. Travers, W. Anderson and Hunt.

ed in an easy victory for the Athletic.

Gosano said that the only man knew anything about the team was Mr. Goldenburg and he was ill at the moment.

Had the game been won by his team, Gosano informed me that it still would have been forfeited to the Athletic, as (St. Joseph's) were not allowed to field any players other than those registered under their Club's name.

86 ACCEPTANCES FOR THE DERBY.

85 For Oaks and 77 For St. Leger.

London, Mar. 31.
The acceptances for the Derby total 86 according to an announcement to-day. They include His Majesty's Whitehead and the Abbot, and the favourites, Manitoba and Hyperion.
The acceptances for the Oaks number 85, and those for the St. Leger 77.—Reuter.



J. C. LYAL, former captain of the Kowloon Cricket Club, leaves Hong Kong for good on Saturday. To-morrow evening an informal farewell dinner will be given at the K.C.C. Pavilion by the cricketing members.

Harry Rowles Wins "No-Quarter" Fight

Superior Boxing Secures Verdict Over Raiteri

CRYSTAL PALACE THRILLS

By B. BENNISON.

London, February 21.

There was more than fighting at Crystal Palace last night, hot and strong though it was. For into the ring Seaman Rowles, the heartiest of fellows, had come from Chatham with his mates who were tucked away at the back of the grand hall to encourage him in an affair—"a regular up and downer" it proved to be—with Laurie Raiteri, a "cruiser," from Stratford.

The two made no bones as to what they were about to do. "It was 'me and you for it, and that's straight'."

So when the gong was clanged, with some thousands looking on, they just went at it hammer and tongs. And for ten rounds there was seen what in the days of the Corinthians, would have been described as a "good, honest mill after the very heart of the squire."

Smashing Start.

It was all very refreshing. Raiteri, with a swipe from nowhere, shot his left fist so perilously near to the jaw of Rowles that he had good reason to believe as early as

in the second round that he was winning in a canter. For then, in truth, the sailor, as my neighbour would have it, "could not see wood for trees." But Rowles, though his blackened eyes told of some recent exchanges, did not more than go down for a short count instead of turning up his toes there and then, as would have been natural. I suspected, as Bombardier Wells, who was referee, must have done, that thus early it was all over bar shouting, for Rowles was made to bend at the knees, writes B. Bennison in *The Evening Standard*.



Being what sailors are, however, Rowles merely snuffed and rolled as if there were heaps of time to catch an already moving fast train to Chatham. Thereafter, the better, so it seemed, for a considerable hiding, Rowles drew upon his fighting instincts. By generous use of a straight left and a right upper-cut he found tolerable calm in a sea that threatened to be impossibly tempestuous.

Real Fighters.

I would be spared from the exercise of whatever critical faculties I may be endowed with. It was a fight that made faces at Mr. Cocker and all his works: it was so honest, so thorough: it was devoid of pretence.

Neither Rowles nor Raiteri could be brilliant, no matter how they tried; but they were real fighters in that they gave their heart and soul to get down to rock-bottom issues.

Each in turn was winning, so it appeared, long before the end, but each took on a new lease of life in this and that round when all the odds were against him.

Now it was Raiteri; again it was Rowles. Always was it touch and go. Bombardier Wells, precisely as elegant as he was when he broke today and mended hearts to-morrow, decided that the sailor had made most marks, and with his verdict I cordially agreed.

Rowles was the better boxer: he hit straighter and with closer regard for the text-book of boxing. Neither Raiteri nor Rowles fought after the way of a sure champion of the near future, but in relentless fighting they were better than many a champion: they never winced, though they let go their heaviest artillery from the start.

China Mail Sports Diary.

TO-MORROW.

Hockey—Friendly Match
Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v Central British Association
(King's Park, 5 p.m.)

SATURDAY

Cricket—First Division
Champions v. Res. (Pakfulam)
Civil Service v. S. W. Borderers (F)

Second Division
Champions v. Res. (Sookunpo).

Football—First Division
Club v. St. Joseph's
Police v. Club de Recreio
Lincolns v. Kowloon
South China v. Navy

Third Division
University v. Royal Air Force
South China v. Chinese Athletic
Yachting
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Third Corinthian Race

COMPLETE SOCCER LEAGUE GOAL-SCORERS TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION.

Jones (Borderers)	21
Bryant (Artillery)	17
Tam Kong-pak (S. China)	15
Moore (Artillery)	13
Bryant (Artillery)	12
B. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	12
Nelson (Lincolns)	11
Johnson (Police)	10
Harding (Lincolns)	10
Ridley (Lincolns)	9
Mak Sui-hon (Athletic)	9
Ho Ka-kuen (Athletic)	8
Wong Mei-shun (S. China)	8
Malpas (Lincolns)	8
Parkins (Navy)	7
Kirkham (Artillery)	7
Davis (Borderers)	6
Harris (Borderers)	6
A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	5
Dunlop (Club)	5
Webb (Kowloon)	5
Hill (Kowloon)	5
Pile (Police)	4
Strange E. (Club)	4
McPhee (Navy)	4
Langnead (Navy)	4
Wood (Artillery)	4
Baldry (Lincolns)	4
Santos (Recreio)	4
Lee Wai-long (S. China)	3
Gough (Artillery)	3
Howe (Club)	3
Sizer (Navy)	3
Dunlop (Club)	3
Mak So (Athletic)	3
Stephens (Police)	3
Sabhan (St. Joseph's)	3
Davis (Navy)	2
Mathias (Borderers)	2
Rodger (R.A.)	2
Forley (Borderers)	2
Channing (Borderers)	2
Black (Kowloon)	2
Higgins (Recreio)	2
Gomes (Recreio)	2
Gonsalves (Recreio)	2
Usher (Navy)	2
Davis (Navy)	2
Ip Pak-wa (S. China)	2
Duncan G. (Club)	2
Hynes (Club)	2
S. Chai-wan (Athletic)	2
Santos F. (Recreio)	2
Castilho (Recreio)	2
Leung Tat-wing (S. China)	2
Leung Wing-fat (S. China)	2
In Tok-ki (Athletic)	2
Chan Kwong-in (Athletic)	2
Lai Kwok-chin (Athletic)	2
Suen Kam-shun (Athletic)	2
Walker (Artillery)	2
Ballion M. (Club)	2
Fowler (Club)	2
Bouza (St. Joseph's)	2
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	2
Coetz (St. Joseph's)	2
Pallister (Borderers)	2
McKethrie (Kowloon)	2
Eastman (Kowloon)	2
G. White (Kowloon)	2
Williams (Police)	2
Cornwall (Police)	2
Forest (Police)	2
Ribeiro (Recreio)	2
Roche (Recreio)	2
Rawson (Navy)	2
Robinson (Navy)	2
Moore (Navy)	2
Williams (Club)	2
Davis (Navy)	2
Mullane (Borderers)	2

SECOND DIVISION.

Matthias (Borderers)	19
Hardy (Artillery)	18
McGuinness (Lincolns)	18
Hamblyn (Borderers)	12
Ko Hung-chung (Athletic)	12
Morris (Borderers)	11
Fresson (Artillery)	10
Lo Chai-wan (Athletic)	9
Yung King-po (Athletic)	8
Au Ping-ming (Ewo)	8
Chadwick (Navy)	8
Sayer (Navy)	8
Snooks (Artillery)	7
Wallace (Borderers)	7
Bentham (Navy)	6
Purkins (Navy)	6
Kam Cheung-lam (S. China)	6
Pritchard (Borderers)	6
Malpas (Lincolns)	6
Hoequard (Lincolns)	6
Au King-fung (Ewo)	6
Rawson (Navy)	6
Lukeman (Borderers)	6
Williams (Club)	5
Ho Yeung-tin (Ewo)	5
Higgins (Lincolns)	5
Barnes (Lincolns)	5
Pau Ka-ping (S. China)	5
Webb (Kowloon)	5
Evans (Lincolns)	4
Watson (Club)	4
Cheung Koon-sang (Athletic)	4
To Wai-hang (S. China)	4
Souza (St. Joseph's)	4
Santos (St. Joseph's)	4
Warnes (Navy)	4
Sek Pin-lin (Athletic)	4
Ng Po-kin (S. China)	4
Phillips (Kowloon)	4
Li Beng-pui (Athletic)	4
Ng Po-kin (South China)	4
Taylor (Navy)	4
Parsons (Navy)	4
Tate (Lincolns)	3
Lo Hong-yi (Ewo)	3
Olus Shuk-yun (Tsung Tsin)	3
Tam Tak-pu (Tsung Tsin)	3
Leung Yin-yick (S. China)	3
Chew Yin-fai (Ewo)	3
Wood (Artillery)	3
Hopkins (Artillery)	3
Manfield (Borderers)	3
Clayton (Lincolns)	3
Brooke (Navy)	3
Reece (Borderers)	3
Lo Chai-wan (Athletic)	2
Fung Ho-hing (Tsung Tsin)	2
Purcell (Borderers)	2
Wong Chee-kam (Ewo)	2
Wong Chai-pau (Ewo)	2
Chan Cheng-chun (Athletic)	2
Chan Kwong-kwan (Tsung Tsin)	2
To Wai-yick (S. China)	2
Reece (Borderers)	2
C. White (Kowloon)	2
Hast (Kowloon)	2
Pickford (Kowloon)	2
Duffield (Kowloon)	2
O Yin-lin (Eastern)	2
Low (Club)	2
T. W. Tang (Ewo)	2
Tee Shiu-yu (Tsung Tsin)	2
Ng Po-kin (S. China)	2
Ng Ping-kay (Eastern)	2
Leach (Artillery)	2
Edmunds (Artillery)	2
J. McGuinness (Lincolns)	2
Cousins (Lincolns)	2
Bonza (St. Joseph's)	2
Ward (St. Joseph's)	2
Barnett (Lincolns)	2
Watson (Tsung Tsin)	2
Whitaker (R.E.)	2
Bavell (R.E.)	2
G. White (Kowloon)	2
Yeung Kan-po (Athletic)	2
To Wai-hang (S. China)	2
Forley (Borderers)	2
Bella (Lincolns)	2
Johns (Borderers)	2
Williams (Borderers)	1
Egley (Navy)	1
Davis (Navy)	1
Marlin (Navy)	1
Murrell (Navy)	1
Smith (Navy)	1
Bryant (Navy)	1
G. Duncan (Club)	1
Boyd (Club)	1
Sloan (Club)	1
Hynes (Club)	1
Simmons (Club)	1
Sharp (Club)	1
Lam Hui-long (Eastern)	1
Baker (St. Joseph's)	1
Hussain (St. Joseph's)	1
Li Shik-yun (Tsung Tsin)	1
Lau Kong-hai (Ewo)	1
Tang Tin-kau (Ewo)	1
Ng Pook-leung (Ewo)	1
Ho Yin-lin (Ewo)	1
Lau Tang-kun (Ewo)	1
Sui Kin-choi (Athletic)	1
Fung Kwong-tung (Athletic)	1
Ho Ching-wing (Athletic)	1
Fung King-yu (Athletic)	1
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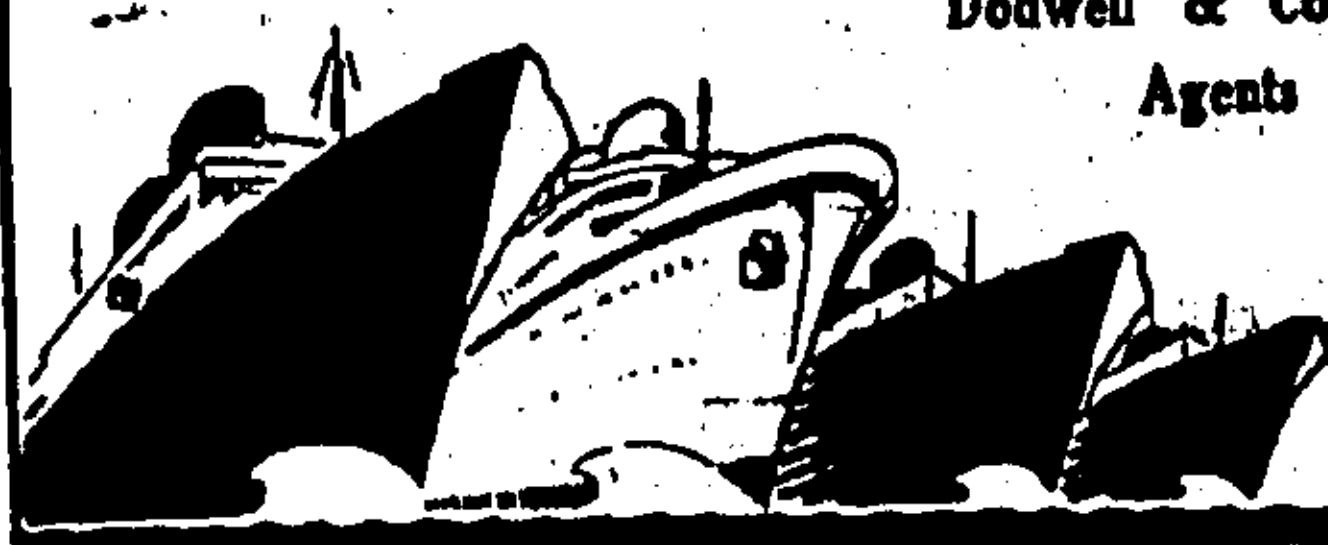
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THE SHILLING

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the landing outside lift the receiver from the telephone and ask for a number. "Good," he said, half to himself and half to Milbury. "I didn't think she'd got the sense. Now you stay where you are, Milbury. I'm going to have a look at him."

So saying he strode off to Milbury's bedroom in the hope of finding that poor Pryne might yet be brought back to life. Something less than a minute had passed since his entry of Milbury's flat, and already it seemed like a lifetime.

What he saw in the bedroom was dreadful enough and gave no ground for hope. He did not delay there long, but went into the sitting-room, which was now fast emptying of its poisonous fumes. Harrison had done a bit of special reporting in his time, and although he was in no mood to make copy out of this tragedy, his instinct led him to take mental stock of the room and its contents. With no disposition to linger, for the atmosphere of the place was still very far from healthy, he darted across to the gas fire and made a quick examination of its fittings. Then he hurried out on to the landing, almost into the arms of Mrs. Rodgers, who, having done her best for the dead man, was now ready to enjoy lamentation.

"Oh, sir," she greeted Harrison, "and it would happen on my late morning, the poor gentleman!"

"Ah, you were late, were you?" "Best part of an hour late, sir. Why, Mr. Milbury's out of the house by twenty to nine, never later. But Rodgers was took bad in the night, sir, and what with this and that, I overlept myself."

"So as a rule," remarked Harrison, "you arrive about eight o'clock?"

"That's right, sir. And to think I might have saved him. I'll never forgive myself, never."

"You arrive at eight o'clock," mused Harrison. "And you put the kettle on, I suppose. That's your first job, eh?"

"Not this morning it wasn't, because I knew at once, by the smell, sir—"

"Yes, this morning was different. I understand that. But other mornings you start by putting the kettle on. And as soon as that's done you wake Mr. Milbury?"

"That's right, sir. No that he needs much waking, because, as you might say, he wakes of himself. As often as not he comes asking for his shaving water before I'm ready for him," added Mrs. Rodgers, on a note of something like indignation. "Quite the early bird is Mr. Milbury. But there! It don't seem nice to stand chattering here with that poor gentleman lying dead like that. And I'm sure I wish the doctor would come."

"What do you think made him do it, sir? Such a contented young fellow he seemed. Always the pleasant word."

"You think it was suicide, do you? That's not for us to say. It might have been accidental."

"Accidental?" echoed Mrs. Rodgers. "I wish I could believe it, Mr. Harrison. But he'd locked himself in, don't you see?"

Harrison concealed his surprise. This new fact was one he found difficult to fit in to the jigsaw puzzle his mind was working at. "That proves nothing, Mrs. Rodgers. Anyhow, that's the jury's business, not ours. Which reminds me, we must ring up the police. There'll have to be an inquest, of course."

A third voice spoke suddenly. "I was just going to do that," said Milbury. He was now dressed, but, for collar and tie. "The police, yes. We ought to have sent for them before. I've been putting a few clothes on. I'm cold to the bone," he explained, with a shiver. "In the kitchen, of course. I snatched up my clothes and went into the kitchen with them. I couldn't stay there, with him. He seemed excited and inclined to be paralytic. Nobody answering him, he lurched towards the telephone. 'I want the Police Station,' he said to the exchange. 'Yes, the Police Station, and quickly.' Is that the Police Station? My name is Milbury. I'm speaking from 25, Burgrave Road, the top flat. I want you to send someone at once. It's a case of asphyxiation. Yes, I'm afraid so. Yes, at once. Thank you. He put the receiver down and turned to the others. 'Yes, Harrison, he'd locked himself in. Mrs. Rodgers told you, didn't she? It was she who found him, you know.'"

"Found him?" But how could she get into his room if the door was locked?"

"Quite. What I mean is she found the place stinking of gas, and gave the alarm. I had to force the door open, and nearly broke my back in the process."

"Yes," said Harrison. "You were alone then, when Mrs. Rodgers arrived?"

"Yes," Milbury nodded.

"The smell of gas didn't reach you?"

"Well, at all events, it didn't wake me. My God, that doctor's taking his time, isn't he?"

Harrison glanced at his watch. "Don't get jumpy, old man. It's not more than six or seven minutes since we sent for him. He won't be long. I expect. Old Pryne to lock himself in, don't you think?"

"Very odd," Milbury shrugged his shoulders. "I don't like the look of it at all."

"I don't see why," said Harrison, in a tone of surprise.

"Makes it look very intentional, to my mind. As, though the poor chap was determined not to be interrupted—well, rescued, to put it bluntly. But let's not talk about it. I feel done-up."

"After a short uneasy silence Harrison asked, 'I suppose you and Mrs. Rodgers entered the room together? It must have been pretty foul in there. I wonder you weren't both suffocated.'"

"Who said that?" cried Mrs. Rodgers, intervening. "Mr. Milbury ran in first and flung open the big windows. Then he staggered over to the gas fire, sir, and turned the tap off. And then he came out again, all gasping like. And then in we go together, sir, and lift the poor gentleman out of his bed. And you never seen such a sight as he was, sir."

"Please," interrupted Milbury, raising his hand, "don't speak of that now, Mrs. Rodgers."

"And then I came down to fetch you, Mr. Harrison, sir—"

"And Mr. Milbury," said Harrison, "came back into the sitting-room to have a look round, I suppose?" He glanced inquiringly at Milbury.

"Eh?" said Milbury. "Back into the sitting-room? No, I don't think so. No; I'm sure I didn't. I never want to see that room again."

"Oh, you didn't go back there?" said Harrison. "Are you sure of that, Milbury?"

"Of course I'm sure. Why do you ask?"

"Idle curiosity," said Harrison. "Nothing more. One likes to get a picture of events, you know. Comes of having been a special reporter, I'm afraid," he added, with a slight air of shame. "Anyhow, you're sure you didn't go back into the sitting-room. So that's that."

Milbury gave signs of losing patience. "What's bing you Harrison? Supposing I had gone back into that room, what then? Frankly, the question seems to me rather a childish one."

"Supposing you had," said Harrison. "But you didn't, did you?" he asked, musingly.

"For the third time, no," Harrison gave a nervous smile, as of a child struggling with a puzzle beyond its powers. "Forgive me, Milbury. I'm afraid I'm appearing very stupid this morning. But what I can't make out is this: If you didn't go back into the sitting-room, who the devil did? Not Mrs. Rodgers, because she was on the next floor by that time, knocking me up. Not you, because you'll because you didn't. But somebody did."

"What makes you think—?"

"Because I heard that somebody walk across the room," explained Harrison humbly. "My own bedroom is just underneath, you see."

Before anyone had time to ponder the significance of this remark, a loud rattle was heard at the outer door. "Thank God!" exclaimed Milbury. "That'll be the doctor at last."

Mrs. Rodgers opened the door to the doctor, and Milbury, with a few words of explanation, led him to the threshold of the room where the dead man lay. Meanwhile, with stealthy haste, Harrison slipped into the kitchen. His eyes roved anxiously round the room. On the table there lay, among other innocent things, a breadknife. On the back of a chair hung Milbury's pyjamas.

"Good," murmured Harrison under his breath. And with one eye on the half-open doorway he picked up the breadknife.

It was the evening of the same day, and the two men sat talking together in Harrison's rooms.

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ITALIAN CRUISER IN COLONY.

Quarto's Interesting History.

The Italian Light cruiser "Quarto," commanded by Captain Amilcare Cesarano, Senior Italian Naval Officer, arrived in Hong Kong on Monday en route to Shanghai, where she is relieving the cruiser "Libia" which passed through Hong Kong a week ago on her way back to Italy.

The Quarto which carries a complement of 338 men including 18 officers, has a distinguished war record.

She was first seen in action in December, 1915, when she encountered the Austrian fleet near Durazzo in the Adriatic Sea, and was partly responsible for the escorting of the retreating Serbian Army from Albania to the Italian coast.

The Quarto's commander has also a war record, having commanded several submarines during the Great War. He is a Commander of the Star of Italy.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following warships were in port yesterday—

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KATORI MARU Saturday, 13th May.

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Russian Bill Passes Second Reading

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Three or four days before the shooting of the 35 Russians, the Soviet press stated that 45 Russians had been arrested for the crime of agricultural sabotage.

Sir John Simon said, amid laughter, that deliberate propagation of weeds in fields and the lowering of crop fields, was one of the charges.

The British Ambassador, he continued, had immediately enquired the charge on which the British arrests were made, where the arrested persons were located and whether they could be visited. As it was rest day, the answer was delayed until the following day.

At the time of incurring the accusation of a prejudging issue on which legal remedy could not be exhausted, the British Ambassador told the Soviet Minister that if his Government wished to continue friendly relations with Britain, they must refrain from being drawn by the police into trumped up, frivolous and fantastic accusations against a friendly and reputable British Company, Sir John Simon concluded.

Labour Move to Reject Bill.
The Labour Opposition rejection was moved by Sir Stafford Cripps, former Solicitor-General, on the ground that the White Paper issued by the Government, does not disclose

adequate grounds for the Government's demand for the liberation of the arrested men without a trial or for granting to the Government, for the purpose of reprisals against Russia, the exceptional powers granted in the Bill.—Reuter and British Wireless Service.

NO INCREASE IN WARSHIPS ON CHINA STATION

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An increase of warships on the China Station was not contemplated at present, he added.

In a leading article yesterday, the Daily Mail stated that the reappearance of piracy in the Far East was one of the most unwelcome consequences of the recent heavy reductions of the Navy, and emphasised that the Nanchang affair might be only one of many similar incidents.

The article urged Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell to promise more effective protection in the future.—Reuter.

SOMERSAULTS TO DEATH

Lowville, New York.

A 67-year-old farm hand, who had turned somersault for years to keep himself in physical trim has died of a fracture of a vertebrae in his neck, caused by this unusual exercise.—Reuter.

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The presence of swarms of locust birds on the aerodrome caused delay in the landing of the north bound Imperial Airways machine "City of Delhi" at Salisbury.

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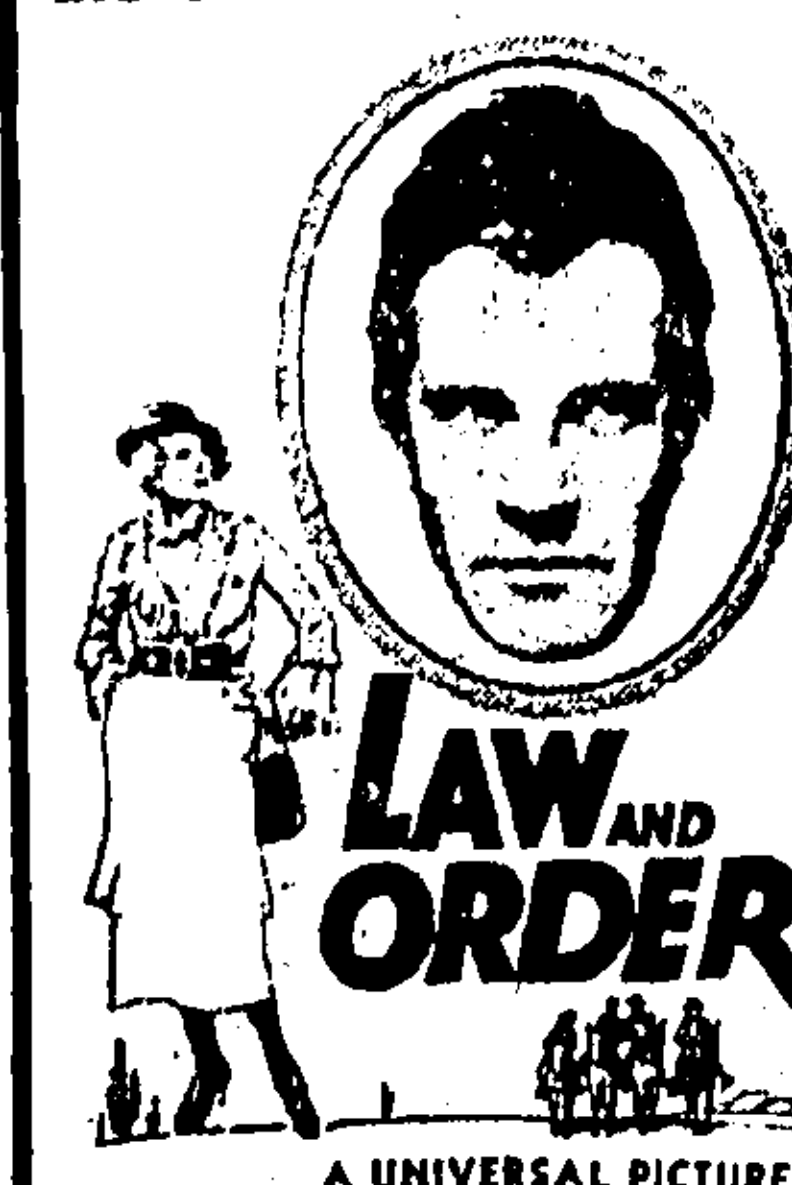
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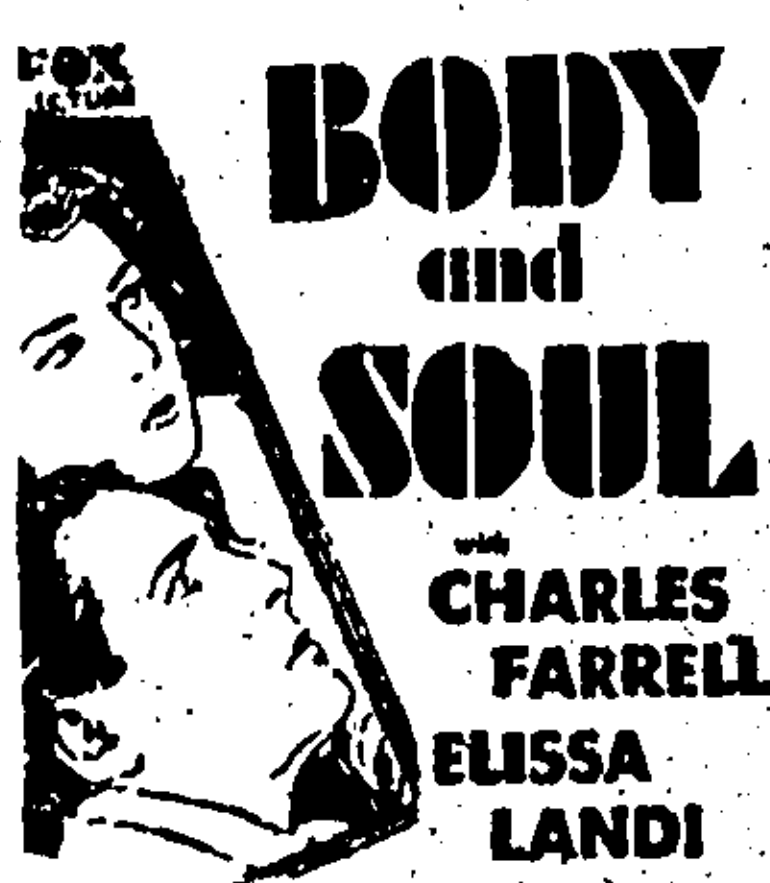


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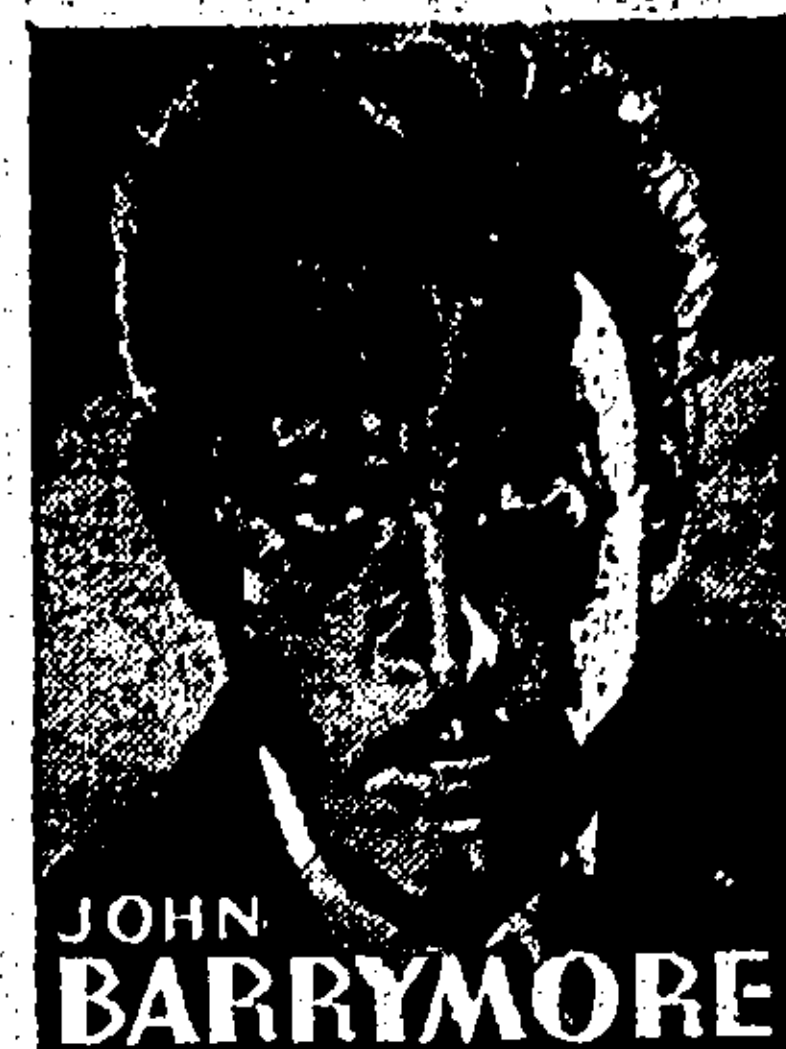
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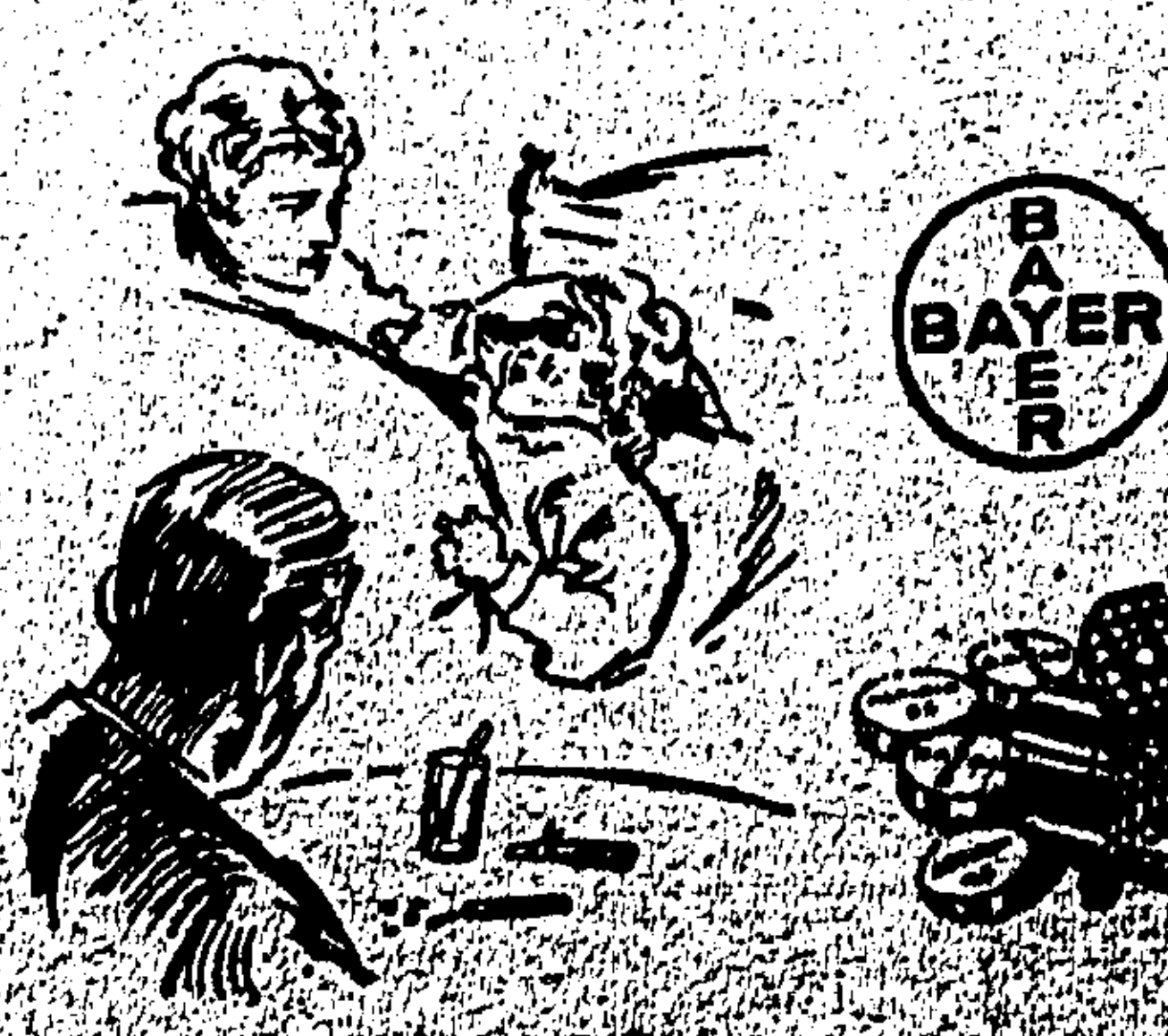
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